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REAL ESTATE

Finding the right real estate agent is more important than ever

An eight-point checklist of do's and don'ts

As the housing market increasingly shows signs of normalizing and as record numbers of real estate agents enter the market, choosing the right agent is more important than ever, experts say. In fact, even the National Association of Realtors points out that 74 percent of sellers and 64 percent of buyers choose the first agent they meet—which isn't necessarily a good thing.

Now, more than ever, choosing the right real estate agent will largely determine whether the buying or selling process will go smoothly or not. The key

to avoiding frustration and wasting time and money is doing a little research up front in order to select the agent with specific experience to best meet your needs.

To help consumers avoid the headache of choosing the wrong agent, follow these timely tips for selecting the right agent:

1. Avoid the temptation to let family members or friends "give it a go." Yes, it would be nice to help a loved one or friend get a foot in the door and a commission, but you're dealing with possibly the largest transaction you'll ever make.

2. Avoid part-time agents; those who practice real estate in their spare time. Real estate transactions are time-consuming, complex endeavors. You need agents wholly committed to your transaction and their ca-

reers and who do it often enough to know what they're doing.

3. Find agents who specialize in your neighborhood and your specific home value range. Interview agents with specific experience that matches your needs and make sure to ask whether they have a comprehensive customer satisfaction plan in place.

Ask them what their customer satisfaction rating is and whether they will put into writing-up front what they will do for you.

4. Ask agents for a comparative market analysis. You need to be sure the agent you choose does his or her homework and fully understands the nuances of your market.

5. Ask each agent you interview to share a "list price versus sales price" percentage vs. the

market average; ask each to also disclose a listing's average "days on the market" versus the market average.

6. How your home is marketed will, of course, play a key role in its sale. So carefully compare

the proposed marketing plans for your property/home that each agent presents to you. And be sure to pay extra attention to how your property will be promoted online.

7. Ask agents for references from their last three clients. If they hesitate, then maybe

they've said a lot without saying a word.

8. Finally, in addition to choosing the agent who offers the kind of experience you need to help you buy or sell a home, check the personality "click factor"—so that the agent you select is someone you'll enjoy working with.



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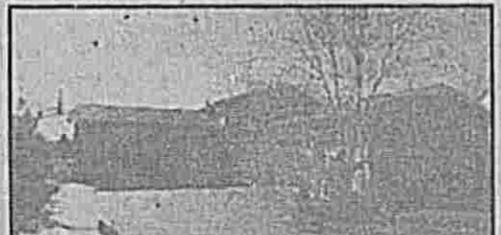


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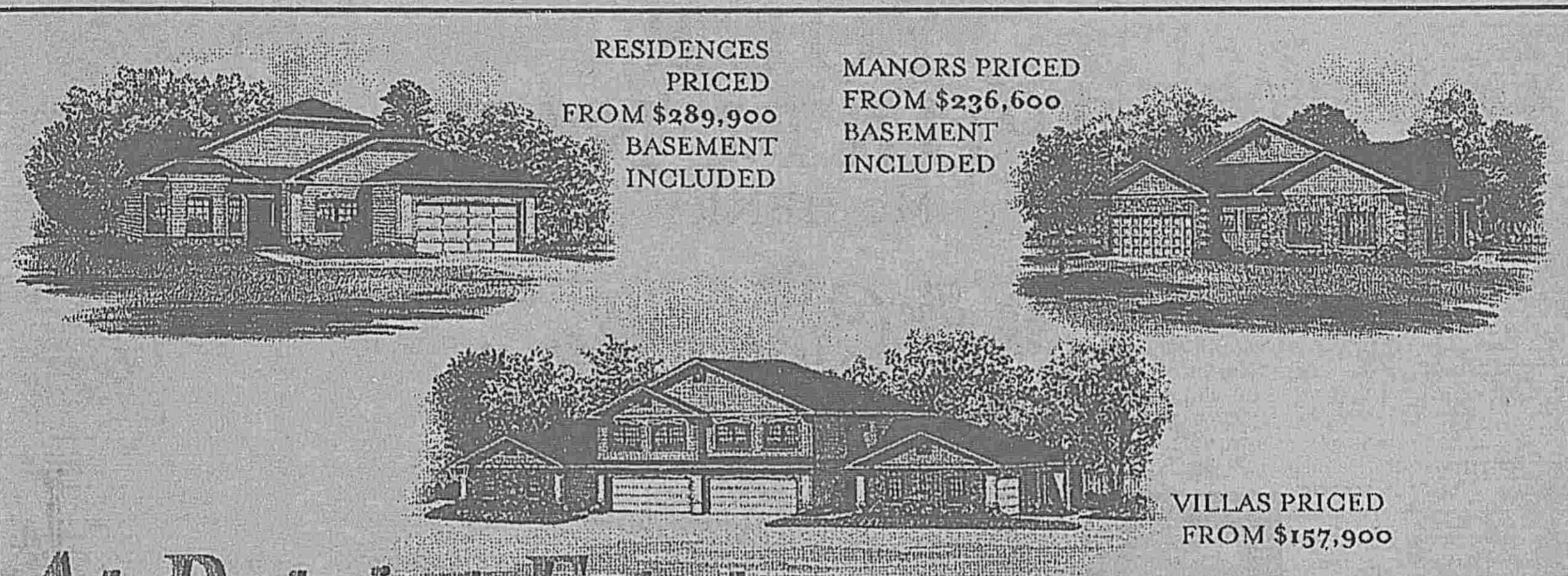


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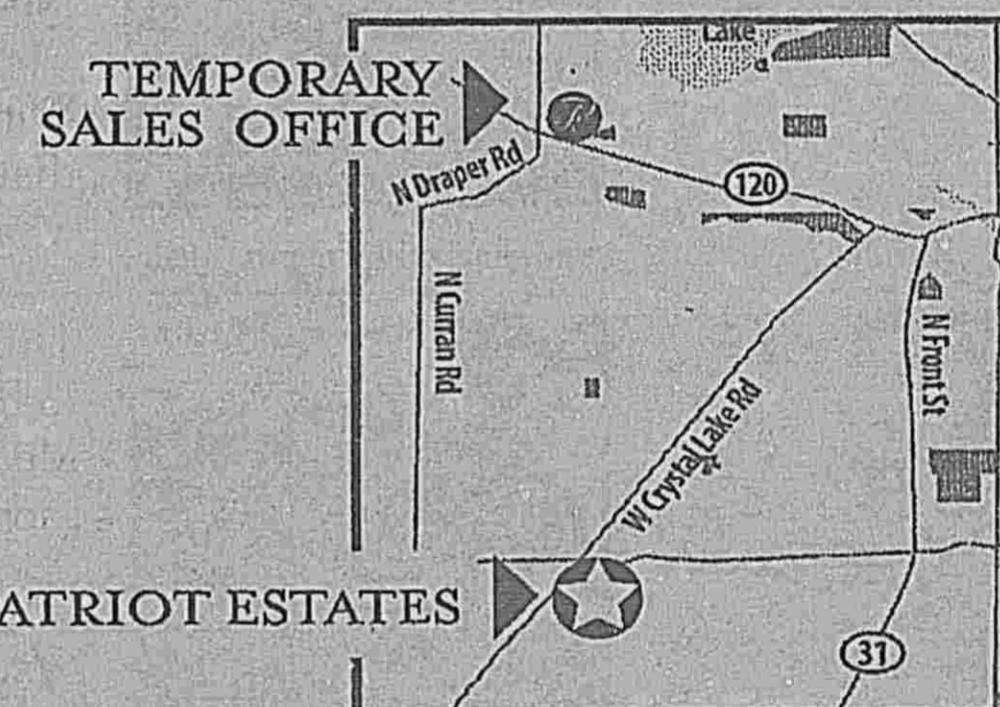
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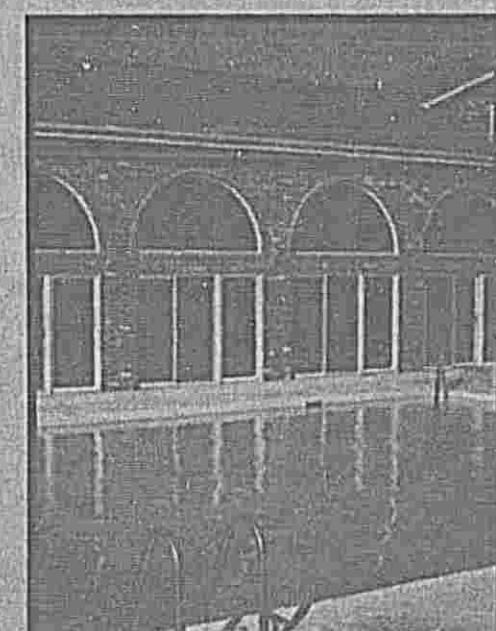
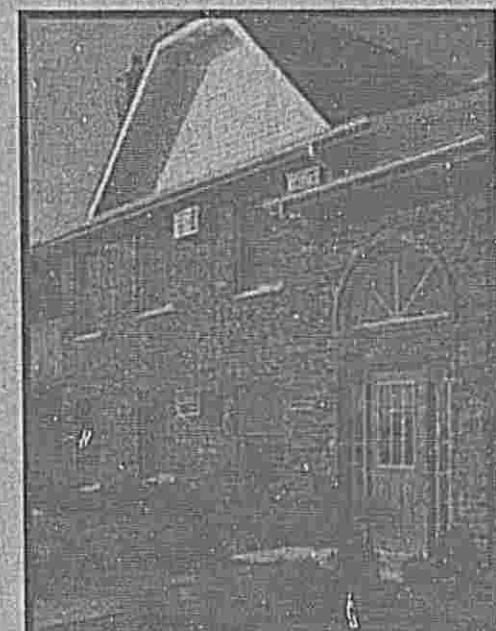
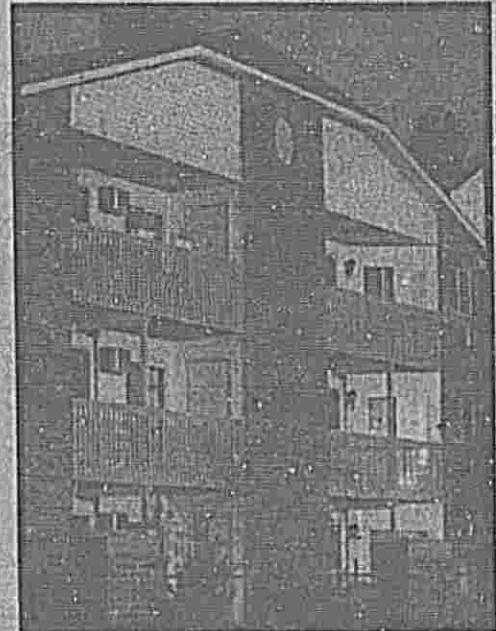
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Act now, be safe later: Precautionary steps for homes

When you buy a house, you envision all of the ways you can make the dwelling your home. These include the decorative embellishments, improvements and even construction changes that bring a personal touch to the building. Few people think about what can go wrong with their home the first time they put the key in the door ... or even years later.

Those who want to ensure their home is safe and sound understand that things can — and often do — go wrong in even a seemingly perfect home. That is why homeowner's insurance is important and mandatory. While some problems, like damage from freak weather occurrences, cannot be foreseen, there are some basic precautions you can take to safeguard your home against common trouble and sidestep the costly repairs associated with damage.

• French drains/sump pumps: Flooding is a top problem for many homeowners. A survey on your home was likely conducted, and it may indicate whether you are located in a flood zone. If so, separate flood insurance is often necessary because traditional homeowner's policies will not cover flood damage. Even if you're not in a flood-prone area, heavy downpours, bursting pipes or other incidents can cause water damage. Water can also infiltrate the home from snow runoff and condensation. For those with a basement or crawl-space, belongings, appliances and more can be destroyed merely from a few inches of water. That is why drainage solutions are an important precaution to take.

French drains provide a good drainage option to owners of existing homes or those building a new home. A French drain is a small, sloping trench filled with gravel and sand that draws water away from the foundation of the home and eliminates the potential for mildew and mold. Drains can be used in conjunction with a sump pump — an electric pump, usually installed in the basement to prevent water from entering the basement area. It empties water from a "well or pit" where it is collected and pumps it to the outside of a home. These safety

methods are just a few of the many steps you can take to keep basements dry.

• Lightning-protection system: There's no denying the awe and power of lightning. While these flashes of electric energy are beautiful in the sky, they can cause significant damage when they reach the earth. Lightning striking a home can knock out electrical power, ignite fires, char exterior and interior areas, and damage any appliances that are plugged in.

Lightning-protection systems are professionally installed to channel harmful lightning strikes down a safe path to dissipate in the ground, saving your home from considerable damage.

• Tree removal: As much as it may be disheartening to remove a beautiful tree from your property, doing so just may safeguard your home. Trees that are too close to your foundation could wreak havoc. Their roots may infiltrate the base of your home, getting tangled in utility lines, plumbing and more.

Additionally, it's often difficult for an amateur to determine if a tree is healthy. Should its stability be compromised by insect infestation, even a moderate storm may knock down the tree into your home, or onto your vehicle. Have a professional tree service come out and inspect the trees on your property to determine if there is a risk and remove trees that pose problems.

• Attic ventilation: There are a number of reasons for ventilating your attic space. In warmer climates, venting hot air that accumulates in the eaves of attics can help reduce energy costs necessary for cooling the home. Additionally, venting prevents moist air that has gathered in an attic from deteriorating construction materials and insulation used in the attic space. Others find that it has benefits to the roof and shingles, prolonging their life span.

In cold climates where snow and ice are prevalent, attic venting can help keep a uniform temperature across the roof, helping to eliminate cold or hot spots that may contribute to ice dams — where snow melts and refreezes, ultimately finding its way under roofing shingles.

Colors that bring joy:

The fabric of a tranquil home

"In our fast-paced, hectic lives, we love to come home to a sanctuary, a place that provides fresh invigoration," says Jamie Drake, interior designer for New York City Mayor Michael

Bloomberg and Madonna. The award-winning Drake is known for his bold, fearless use of color. He calls it his device of choice.

Drake's advice for today's overextended, over-stressed families looking to color their living and family rooms in soothing hues? "I envision a pastel-hued room featuring corals, leaf greens and light aqua. I love the sense of surprise and the bright, clean effect these colors achieve."

Drake says, "Color impacts mood. Happy color is conducive to jubilant happenings." To create this mood he suggests that you build on the lightest color

in the palette and add bolder tones as accents. He warns, "An overly active palette will enhance jangled nerves."

However, multiple patterns can play. "Historically I haven't used a lot of pattern in my work," notes Drake, "but the return of pattern is a major trend. I'm mixing a herringbone with two scales of paisley in a current project," he says.

Another successful pairing of motifs includes Summer Splendor, a Waverly print with oversized orchids and rhododendron blossoms, lush foliage and ferns, and Garden Lattice, a bold, geometric textile reminiscent of a traditional garden motif.



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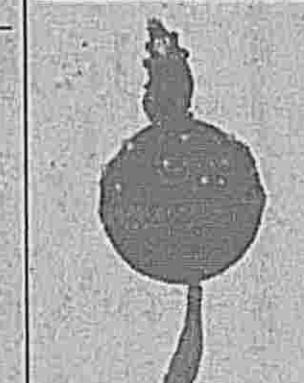
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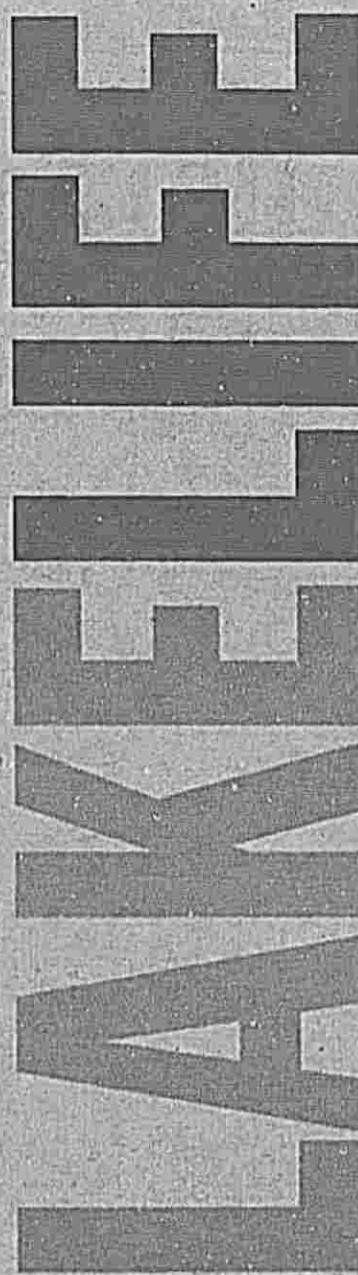
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Reaching for reptiles



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Serpent Safari, located in Gurnee Mills, has several reptiles for sale, including this bearded dragon. Enthusiasts also can learn more about different reptiles during reptile swaps at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, which will take place Dec. 9 and 23. See the story on page C2.

Field of herpetology increases in popularity

Reptile swaps are becoming a favorite place for many

By EMILY PREVITI
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Under the shadow of the Wheaton water tower, people of all ages herded into a building at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Inside, animals including albino corn snakes, chihuahuas and chickens crowded the tables of vendors who hailed from Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin and various Illinois counties.

Jeremy Letkey first attended a reptile swap seven years ago. Letkey, 32, said he has more than 100 leopard gecko lizards - up to 10 inches long - in his Antioch home.

"They end up showing personality," he said, adding that all of his pets have names. "Each one has different quirks."

Sixteen years ago, Lee Watson, 69, started to hold reptile swaps that bore his namesake at Crosswinds Farm in Streamwood.

Shifts in zoning laws about two years ago forced him to find a new venue. Swaps started in Wheaton in August.

Donning a button down shirt and jeans, the steely-haired Watson alternately manned the admission table and roamed the aisles inside the building on Nov. 26.

Watson's grin crinkled his spectacled eyes and demon-

Want to go?

The Chicagoland Animal Hobbyist Expo Animal Swap will meet two more times in 2006.

What: More than 100 tables of reptile, small exotic mammals, caging food items, supplies, etc.

Where: DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 9 and 23

Cost: \$5 for people older than 11

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strated that he was on a first-name basis with many vendors.

The number of online forums and associations for herpetology - the study of reptiles - might lead one to assume a solidarity between owners, but Letkey disagreed, saying it was less that and more a commonality of interest.

Watson said he has bred reptiles, but never considered them pets.

Kane County resident Mark Petros cited a similar outlook toward the ball python snakes he breeds.

"When you have 200 snakes ... there's not enough time in a week to give individualized attention to that many animals," Petros said.

Petros, 42, breeds snakes of various colors and patterns to produce "designer snakes."

He has kept the pursuit a hobby, but said, "people do this and make six figures."

Letkey, 32, said he sells six to 12 geckos at each event, regardless of foot traffic.



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Jill Kassel, of Gurnee, holds a Columbian red-tail boa at Serpent Safari, located in Gurnee Mills.

However, he said he has noticed interest has "grown tremendously in the past few years."

More exposure to the public, Petros explained, has helped to dispel myths that "sensationalize" reptiles, particularly snakes, as killer creatures. Petros blamed the misconceptions on several sources, which include the Bible and Hollywood.

He attributed the erosion of such perceptions to the increased familiarity that Letkey said is due to the Internet.

Joan Singer manages Serpent Safari, a pet shop and

small zoo in Gurnee Mills.

Singer cited celebrity reptile enthusiasts and educational television shows for bringing reptiles into the lime-light.

"About 10 years ago, there wasn't much going on," Singer said. "Now [reptile ownership] is more mainstream."

Singer pointed to the Internet as a mechanism to increase communication between reptile pet owners and awareness of the animals, in general.

"It's opened the market so widely," she said.

But she cautioned against its unreliability.

Singer instead plugged pet shops and veterinarians as more authoritative sources for information.

And though she conceded that she did not know a lot about swaps, she also said it seemed to her like "the people come and go."

Petros pointed out hobbyists become experts of sorts. This specialization of knowledge surpasses that of the part-time teenage worker that one might find at a pet store.

Stores often buy their animals from swaps, Petros said, and resell them at up to triple the price.

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Local holiday sale features fine art

Colorful gift ideas offered at College of Lake County

GRAYSLAKE - Holiday gift ideas will abound at the College of Lake County's Annual Holiday Art Sale, which will take place Dec. 2 through 5.

The sale will feature original art, including hand-made jewelry, wearable art, ceramics, sculptures and

holiday decorations.

Sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 2; 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 3; and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 5.

"This juried art sale will include a variety of hand-made art pieces from 50 different Illinois and Wisconsin artists," said College of Lake County exhibit assistant Donna Sands in a release. "The holiday art sale is a perfect place to find unique holiday gifts for the art lover

on your shopping list."

The Holiday Art Sale will be set up in the College of Lake County Atrium, 19351 W. Washington St., in Grayslake. The Atrium is located in the college's Learning Resource Center.

Parking is available in Lots 7 and 7A.

For information, call Donna Sands at (847) 543-2405, or e-mail dsands@clcillinois.edu.

Musical note added to classic holiday play

By TOM WITOM
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If you're a fan of the holiday film "It's A Wonderful Life" – and the numbers are legion – chances are you will take to the live, musical version now being staged by Porchlight Music Theatre at Theatre Building Chicago.

A collaborative effort by Sheldon Harnick (lyrics) and Joe Raposo (music), the staged version (it premiered in 1991 in Washington, D.C.) retains the framework of director Frank Capra's original 1946 film classic. An eager-to-please cast beautifully performs many of its songs; however, on the whole, the score is forgettable.

The all-too-familiar story, set in fictional Bedford Falls, N.Y. during the Depression and following World War II, has a dark overlay almost from start to finish. It tracks, via flashbacks, the struggles of George Bailey, a warm-hearted, savings and loan manager who finds himself pitted against the greedy Mr.

Tickets, please

What: "A Wonderful Life"
Where: Porchlight Music Theatre,
1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago
When: Through Dec. 31.
Tickets: \$25-\$32
Show information: (773) 327-5252

Potter, a mean-spirited banker cut from the same cloth as Ebenezer Scrooge.

Enduring many setbacks, starting with an aborted college education and a canceled honeymoon, George continues to make personal sacrifices to keep the loan association from collapsing. He never stops looking out for his financially strapped neighbors – even when things are at their hairiest.

If not for the intervention of a personal angel, Clarence, a shattered, discouraged George would have committed suicide.

"A Wonderful Life" director L. Walter Stearns has chosen well in casting Jess Godwin as George's empathetic wife and Peter Pohlhammer as the evil

Potter; both have excellent voices that fill the small theater space with rich emotion. David Heimann carries the role of George, though with less of a flourish. Meanwhile, Vincent Lonegran overplays his part as Clarence, the angel desperately trying to earn his wings.

The hard-working chorus does a terrific Charleston number, a real bright spot, during Act I. Yet Julian Pike's dim lighting generally functions like a shroud, reinforcing the play's bleak atmosphere. The set isn't much to write home about, though on the plus side, it allows for quick scene changes.

Kudos to musical conductor/keyboardist Eugene Dizon and his fellow players for their fine work: Bill Wargo, percussion; Derek Weihoffen, oboe, English horn, recorder; and Jerry Mohlman, trumpet.

"A Wonderful Life" ends with George, granted his wish of "having never been born," revisiting his hometown as a stranger, only to find the sav-



Photo Provided

Jess Godwin and David Heimann play newlyweds in a scene from "It's A Wonderful Life" by the Porchlight Music Theatre at the Theatre Building Chicago. Performances will take place through Dec. 31.

ings and loan folded, local residents mired in poverty and the woman he eventually married a childless spinster librarian.

It's a jarring revelation, one that jolts George into belatedly

recognizing his many lifelong accomplishments. Quickly (some might argue much too quickly), he is brought back to reality to enjoy his "wonderful life."

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"Bully" is made by the makers of "Grand Theft Auto," Rockstar Games, who have yet to produce a bad game, as far as I know.

But "Bully" is not a "GTA" kill-fest. Like "GTA," you accomplish upward of 60 main missions, plus dozens of side missions. You flip burgers, stop "Fatty" from getting beat up by jerks, break yard gnomes and vie for a carnival Teddy bear for a date. Also, you attend classes.

And the plot is not wholly unrealistic. Bullies do lurk in unexpected places.



Doug Elfman

Recently, Rush Limbaugh mocked Michael J. Fox's Parkinson's disease while picking a political tussle. Fox told ABC News he wouldn't fight back aggressively, since it does no good to take on a bully of an attack.

"What's the point? You're not going to change his mind. You're just probably going to get a nose bleed," he said. "So why bother?"

Those are sane words for life. Insane for video games.

There are many nose punches in "Bully," and avoiding them, and avoiding administering them, is futile.

It's all a big, cinematic entertainment that leads, unpredictably, to a more peaceful Jimmy.

What's that? Peace is the ultimate goal of a violent video game? Yes, well, all self-destructive conflicts should end eventually.

• Doug Elfman is a video game critic for the NorthWest News Group.

Local college presents 'The Vagina Monologues'

Where it's at

The Studio Theatre of the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts is located at 19351 West Washington St., in Grayslake.

Monday through Thursday evenings, until tech week. Performances will be Feb. 23 through 25 and March 1 through 3.

Based on interviews with more than 200 women, "The Vagina Monologues" is a celebration of female sexuality and strength. With humor and grace, it weaves together a spellbinding symphony of diverse voices and experiences.

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"Bully" is made by the makers of "Grand Theft Auto," Rockstar Games, who have yet to produce a bad game, as far as I know.

But "Bully" is not a "GTA" kill-fest. Like "GTA," you accomplish upward of 60 main missions, plus dozens of side missions. You flip burgers, stop "Fatty" from getting beat up by jerks, break yard gnomes and vie for a carnival Teddy bear for a date. Also, you attend classes.

And the plot is not wholly unrealistic. Bullies do lurk in unexpected places.



Doug Elfman

Recently, Rush Limbaugh mocked Michael J. Fox's Parkinson's disease while picking a political tussle. Fox told ABC News he wouldn't fight back aggressively, since it does no good to take on a bully of an attack.

"What's the point? You're not going to change his mind. You're just probably going to get a nose bleed," he said. "So why bother?"

Those are sane words for life. Insane for video games.

There are many nose punches in "Bully," and avoiding them, and avoiding administering them, is futile.

It's all a big, cinematic entertainment that leads, unpredictably, to a more peaceful Jimmy.

What's that? Peace is the ultimate goal of a violent video game? Yes, well, all self-destructive conflicts should end eventually.

Doug Elfman is a video game critic for the NorthWest News Group.

Local college presents 'The Vagina Monologues'

Where it's at

GRAYSLAKE – Auditions for the College of Lake County's production of "The Vagina Monologues" will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 5 in the Studio Theatre of the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts in Grayslake.

The play, written by Eve Ensler, will be guest directed by Lindsay Porter, of Chicago.

Women of all ages and ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to audition for the production, which includes three to six roles. Actors should present a 90-second memorized monologue, or be prepared to read a short selection from the play. Those who audition should bring an acting resume, if available.

Callbacks are scheduled to take place from 7 to 10 p.m. on Dec. 7. Copies of "The Vagina Monologues" are available at the College of Lake County Library/Learning Resource Center circulation desk for in-library reading.

Rehearsals begin the week of Jan. 8 and usually take place

Monday through Thursday evenings, until tech week. Performances will be Feb. 23 through 25 and March 1 through 3.

Based on interviews with more than 200 women, "The Vagina Monologues" is a celebration of female sexuality and strength. With humor and grace, it weaves together a spellbinding symphony of diverse voices and experiences.

The play has been performed in Chicago and in cities across America and bravely honors women from many cultural and social backgrounds. The play is co-presented with the College of Lake County Women's Center.

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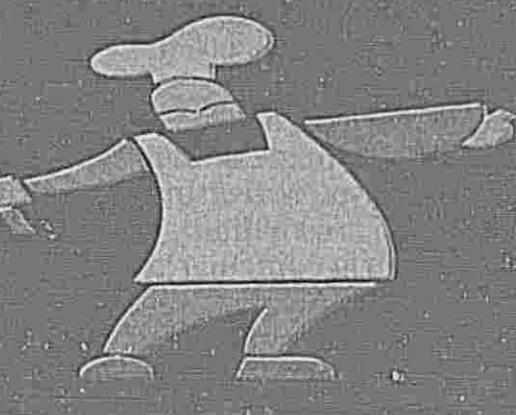
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• Health beat

Beat the holiday blues by eating right, exercising

It's that time of year again, when stress increases tenfold. The holidays are intended to be a time of joy, and when I am out and about, I do not see joy.

Trying to balance your everyday responsibilities with the added responsibilities of getting ready for the holidays does seem a bit overwhelming. Here are a few ideas:

We all become concerned about the additional pounds that accumulate during this time — remember our stomachs are still no bigger than one hand.

Remember to use a salad or dessert plate, rather than a full-size dinner plate. Then, remember to experience all the wonderful offerings at parties. But just as much as one hand will hold.

Chew your food well, so you can taste the wonderful flavors. If you find yourself going back for seconds, ask yourself why.

Drink one half your body weight in ounces of water daily. Often times, hunger is simple dehydration. Also, fatigue might be a sign of dehydration.

Try to limit your white food intake — white sugar and white flour. Sugar and white flour are the quickest way to put on

weight.

For most individuals, white flour and sugar are worse than fat. Make your plate colorful with some type of protein, vegetables and fruit. If you have not filled your hand size, "accessorize" with a piece of bread or something sweet.

When it comes to exercise — try and do it. If you find your

self really exhausted on a day you typically exercise, in my professional opinion, do not exercise that day.

Exercise will work against you, if you are re-

ally tired. It could lead to an injury, or possibly a cold.

If you feel good, exercise in the morning, and make it fun. If you usually spend an hour at the gym, cut that down. Do a 30-minute workout. One day, do aerobic exercise. One day, do strength training. It is better to exercise in the morning versus the evening.

Remember to get sleep. It is the body's only time to repair from the stress of the day. You

will be more productive getting up a little earlier than working into the wee hours of the night.

Try to get between seven and nine hours of sleep a night. Anything less will cause more stress on your body and increase your chances of gaining weight because of hormonal imbalances.

Lack of sleep can cause your immune system to weaken, making you more susceptible to getting sick.

Do not do everything yourself. Ask your family for help. Preparing your home, wrapping gifts and cooking are all parts of the joys of the holiday season. Share this process and, while doing these things, teach your children about the holidays.

I find giving to those who are less fortunate at this time is a great way to celebrate the holidays. Finally, the holidays are a time of joy. Take time everyday to be joyful and grateful.

• Linda DeFever is the owner of Vitality Inc., Where Exercise and Nutrition Meet in Balance at Serenity Health Resources in Wauconda. To have your health and fitness questions answered, e-mail DeFever at ocfever01@yahoo.com.



Linda DeFever

Dance concert set to take place

GRAYSLAKE — Ready for winter dance?

Artistic director Valerie Alpert and 26 members of the College of Lake County Prairie Spirits Dance Troupe will present a winter dance concert titled "The Living Canvas: A Moving Work of Art" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2.

During the performance, video images and abstract three-dimensional works of art by artist and former College of Lake County student Sandra Vela will engulf the stage. Terry Dixon, art and multimedia faculty member at the college, has written an original score for the work.

Guest choreographers for other dance pieces in the concert are Terry Crews (College of Lake County dance faculty), Adrienne Clancy (artistic director of ClancyWorks Dance Company based in the Washington, D.C. area) and Melinda Criglar (a member of the faculty at Stephenson High School). Dancers will perform to the music of various artists, including Peter Gabriel and Steve Reich.

The winter dance concert will take place at the Mainstage Theatre of the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, 19351 W. Washington St., in Grayslake.



Photo Provided
Julie Steplyk, of Grayslake, will perform in "The Living Canvas."

• Everymom

Being an independent mom is not always a fairytale come true

I won't pretend to be a film critic, or have any more knowledge of children's media than the average mom.

But when you start to memorize the exact number of the various scenes your child wants to watch on a DVD, I'd say you know your stuff, at least a little.

So, I'd like to share some of the lessons I fear my daughter could learn from the shows and movies she watches. There's really no need to play hard to get with a handsome prince.

And if the prince is hot, and simply a prince, he's definitely marriage material. (Good advice if my daughter, God forbid, ends up on "The Bachelor.")

The parents in many children's movies are either already dead (not sure exactly why Chicken Little or Ariel's mothers are no longer around), or else they die in the movie.

Simba of "The Lion King," Nemo and Bambi all lose parents. Nothing like the death of mom or dad in a movie to zap away your innocence.

That brings me to a common theme among those movies in which the parents are around:

Parents never understand

your hopes, dreams and desires, so you either have to a) make a deal with an evil witch as Ariel did, b) do something dangerous to demonstrate your displeasure, like visiting an elephant graveyard or touching a boat containing people who want to eat you or put you in a jar, or c) wait until aliens come back so you can prove to your father that the sky really was falling.

Ah, but the parents eventually come around, after they help rescue their children from near-death experiences.

Either that, or they ship you off somewhere, as is the case in "Sleeping Beauty," one of the few princess movies in which the parents aren't already dead.

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Photo exhibit targets AIDS' effects in Africa

By EMILY PREVITI
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In sub-Saharan Africa, the proportion of adults who suffer from AIDS is six times higher than the population worldwide, and 12 times higher than the population in the United States who suffer from the disease.

Medical professionals say the proliferation of human immunodeficiency virus and AIDS in Africa stems from the hesitation of people to get tested, as unemployment and ostracism could result.

Debbie Gilliam, a nurse at Gurnee's Heart and Vascular Center, traveled to South Africa on missions to work with urban community service organizations that reach out to AIDS patients.

"Diagnosis is like a death sentence," she said.

Gilliam recalled the dire poverty and deplorable conditions that result from unemployment, and the orphaned children whose parents have died from AIDS.

To mark World AIDS Day on Friday, Dec. 1, the Abbott Fund of North Chicago-based Abbott Laboratories will sponsor a photography exhibit called

"Through Their Eyes."

Through the photography and writing of three children whose parents died of AIDS, the program tells their stories while educating Americans, who face a different situation.

In the United States, the numbers drop because the outlook differs for AIDS patients and public perception of the disease.

Dr. Brian Bongner has worked with HIV-positive and AIDS patients since 1994. Currently, he coordinates the HIV and sexually transmitted disease programs at the Lake County Health Department's Belvidere Clinic.

Over the past decade, Bongner said he has noticed a dramatic difference in the way people view of the disease.

"There is complacency in some cases because people know meds will help manage [it]," he said. "But we still don't know everything about this disease or how to handle it."

As the condition of an HIV-positive person progresses, Bongner said, costs for care increase.

The Lake County Health Department provides care for medical needs and also addresses mental health, substance abuse and nutrition through

individual and group counseling, and evening discussion groups.

"We're trying to provide all of the services that a person who is HIV positive would need in one place," Bongner said.

The clinic receives funding under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act.

The federal Ryan White CARE Act has provided federal funding for the care of individuals and families affected by HIV since 1990.

The act bears the name of Ryan White, an Indiana resident with hemophilia and who died at age 18 of AIDS.

The clinic serves Lake County residents who are under- or uninsured; 275 of its patients have HIV. Their ages range from 17 to 72.

About 70 percent are males; 30 percent, females.

Bongner said the population is disproportionately black or Hispanic, where a stigma remains attached to this disease.

He pointed to the gay white male population as one that has "taken hold of the prevention effort."

"Other communities haven't made the full, successful change yet," he said.

By the numbers

Dr. Brian Bongner, of the Lake County Health Department, says 660 county residents have HIV. Bongner estimated that 200 to 250 have AIDS, but are not aware of it.

To date, about 65 million people have been infected with HIV worldwide. Most of the 38.6 million people living with HIV in 2005 were unaware of their status. That year, AIDS claimed the lives of 2.8 million people and over 4 million people were newly infected with the virus.

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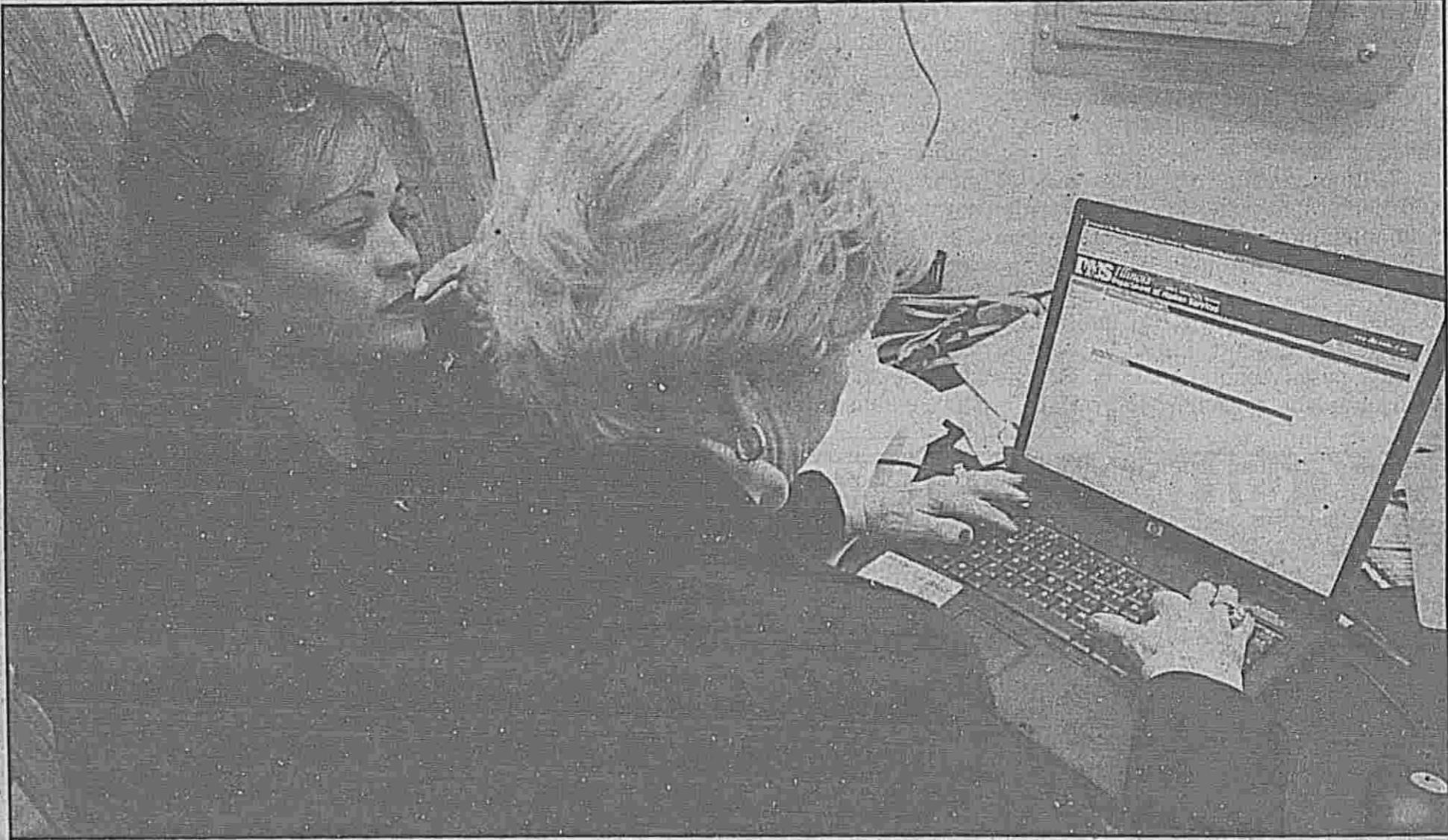
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ANTIOCH

Local charities on the look for help

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH — The scene last week outside of the Open Arms Mission looked like a bad car accident had taken place.

Cars were jammed along Route 83, Antioch police cars were stationed on the sides of the highway, and officers were directing vehicles.

The onslaught of traffic resulted from people going to the Open Arms Mission to get holiday meal boxes.

They filled the parking lots of nearby businesses, and crowded inside the mission, spilling outside in clumps.

More than 200 people gathered on Nov. 21. Scott Keenan, director of the mission, said volunteers had collected enough donations to give 65 pounds of food to each family.

"We just try to give them a good Thanksgiving and Christmas," Keenan said. "We try to make it special."

Keenan's words could be the mantra of nearly every food pantry, shelter, and social service agency this holiday season.

And the Open Arms Mission is not the only group experiencing such a high demand from the community it serves. Many organizations in Lake County desperately need volunteers to help those who need assistance.

A Safe Place, Lake County Crisis Center, has posted a wish list on its Web site, www.asafeplaceforhelp.org.

The Zion-based organization, which helps those in domestic violence situations, needs everything from underwear to Hula Hoops for its holiday store, Executive Director Phyllis DeMott said.

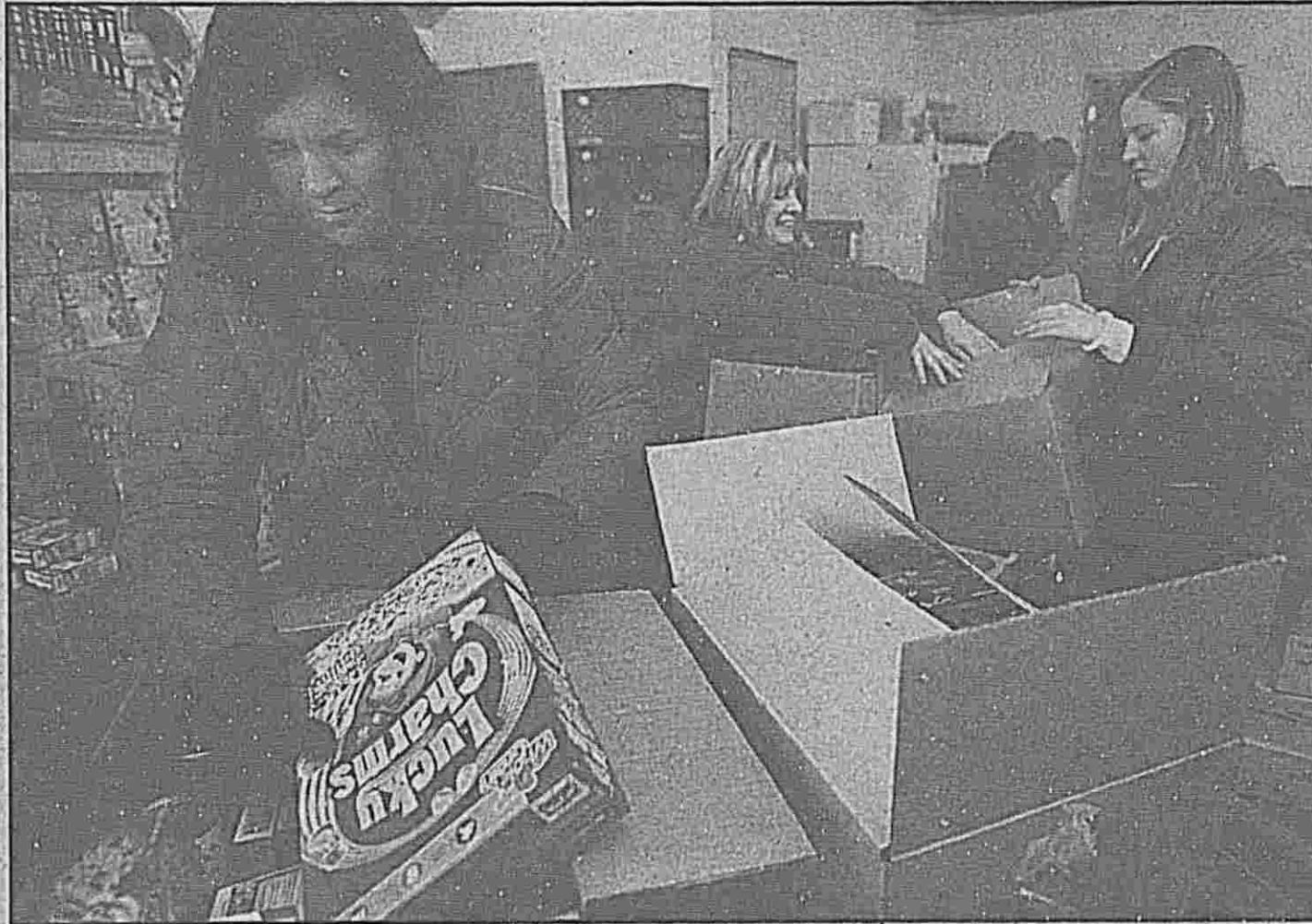
The holiday store is for the agency's clients, DeMott said.

"We don't have piles of things, but we have some [stuff]," she said.

The shelter has the most need for items for teenage boys and mothers, DeMott said.

During the holidays, DeMott said A Safe Place receives nearly 6 months worth of donations, and workers try to stretch out the rest until May, DeMott said.

Catholic Charities and United Way are focusing this



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Chris Fisch packs a box full of non-perishable food with Micki Glielmi of Lake Villa and Karly Fisch, 12, during the distribution of holiday meals at the Open Arms Mission Food Pantry in Antioch.

Find a way to help

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A Safe Place, Lake County Crisis Center, Zion
(847) 731-7165
www.asafeplaceforhelp.org

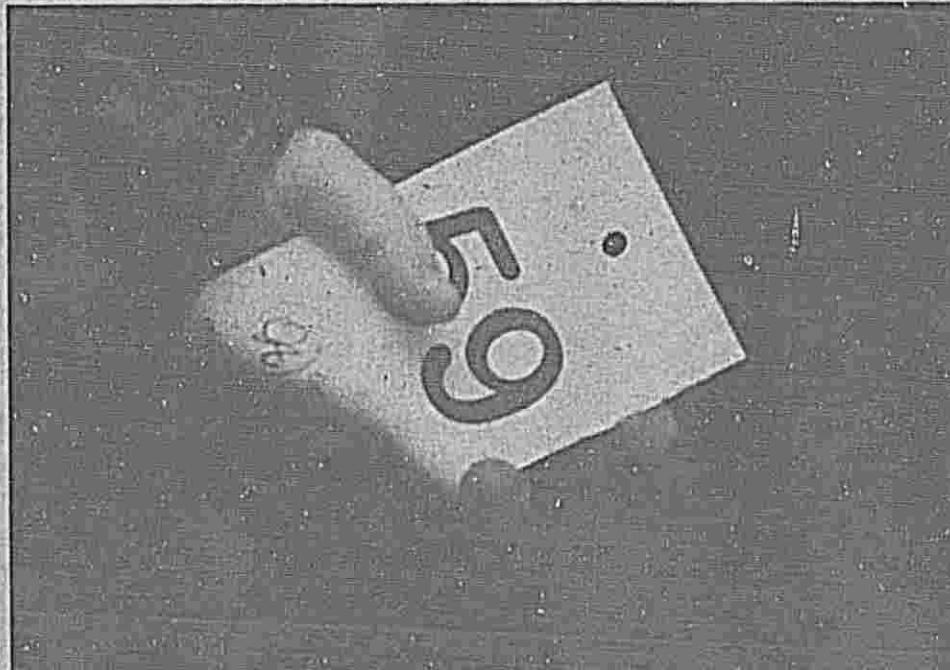
United Way of Lake County, Gurnee
(847) 775-1000
www.uwlakeco.org

Catholic Charities, Waukegan
(847) 249-3500

year on the Adopt a Family program, which matches donors with needy people.

Jim Wogan, volunteer coordinator for Catholic Charities, said 11,000 people have been matched so far, but 700 still need help. Wogan expects that number to increase as Christmas gets closer, putting the total number of people served this season at more than 12,000.

The organization is based in Waukegan and has branches throughout the county, including Lake Villa, Lindenhurst,



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A client at the Open Arms Mission Food Pantry in Antioch waits to receive their holiday meal box in time to prepare Thanksgiving dinner.

Antioch and Round Lake.

Wogan said the charity will accept new or good quality items, such as clothing, toys and cash.

"We can find use for almost everything," Wogan said. "[We have] people who aren't going to have Christmas if we don't do this."

United Way of Gurnee, which aids other charities in Lake County, needs food and

books for young children the most, said Vice President of Marketing Jennifer Yonan.

Clients are directed to the organization that can meet their needs the best, Yonan said.

And volunteers are always needed throughout the year for United Way's various programs, Yonan said.

"There are always opportunities 365 days a year to help," she said.

Our Town

Rummage around

I hope you get this paper by Friday, Dec. 1, because then you'll have enough notice to attend the first rummage sale hosted by Antioch Community High School's student council.

For the past several years the group has had a toy drive, but members wanted to try something new this year.

Residents are welcome to browse various wares from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 2, in the school's auxiliary gym.



Tara Clifton

Questions?
Call Laura
or Sue at
(847) 838-
7785.

If your little ones love crafts, then the Antioch Public Library District is the place to go. At 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, the library will host a gingerbread house demonstration. Not only will you get to see some neat edible houses, but you'll get to learn how to make your own.

And at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, kids can read a snowman story and then make a snowman craft.

For more information, call the library at (847) 395-0874.

First National Bank Employee-Owned of Antioch recently donated stockings stuffed with goodies to the U.S. Army 10th MNT Division as part of the Adopt a Platoon program.

The holiday socks were stuffed with chocolate (most necessary), games, puzzles, books and toiletries.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail Tara Clifton at tclifton@nwnewsgroup.com

Ready, set, shop ...



Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnews.com
Patty Gundelach, of Antioch, takes a break from a busy morning of shopping on Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving, at Gurnee Mills.

**NOTICE OF TRUTH IN TAXATION
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Kathleen Smith
Antioch Township Clerk

COMMUNITY

WAUKEGAN

Firefighter recognized for 'exceptional service'

By MATT PERA
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WAUKEGAN — Paul Rice remembers how emotional the day was when he was told he had been hired as a firefighter by the city of Waukegan.

He recently recalled how he prayed every night that he would get the job, and how on the day he received a phone call offering him the position he then crouched down on the ground, in complete bliss that his dream had come true. He remembered saying to his wife, "I got it."

"Everyday when I come to work, I'm honored to serve with [the Waukegan Fire Department] and serve the city of Waukegan," Rice said at the Nov. 20 City Council meeting. "Every day I feel blessed that I got the job."

His dedication to his duties as a firefighter led to a special recognition at the City Council meeting, where he was honored by city officials and members of the fire department as the 2005 Lake County Firefighter of the Year.

The honor might have come a bit late, as 2007 is approaching, but it did not go unappreciated.

The award is given each year by the 100 Club, a county nonprofit organization that sets up scholarships and financial assistance for the children

and spouses of police and fire personnel who are killed in the line of duty.

Dennis Mudd, the fire liaison for the club, was at the City Council meeting to present Rice with \$500 and a ribbon to wear on his uniform.

Rice, who has been a member of the Waukegan Fire Department for four years and also is a member of the Marine Corps Reserves, was nominated by Fire Chief Patrick Gallagher.

"He truly makes a difference every day in the community," Gallagher said.

After Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, Rice drove to Louisiana to assist victims of the disaster and help local emergency personnel. His experience as a mechanic was invaluable during his time there, Gallagher said, as he worked 14 to 16 hours a day maintaining emergency vehicles.

"He's really an exceptional person," Gallagher said. "He's the type of guy who steps up to do as much as he can to help the fire department and the city. He's also known for helping co-workers on everything they need a hand with, too."

Rice said that mentality is a product of the gratitude he feels for serving as a firefighter.

"Sometimes I come to work and I worry that it's going to end," he said. "It's a dream job and I try to give it my all. I love it. I just try to give it my best."

Tickets on sale for gospel concert

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

A special "buy one, get one free" offer for the College of Lake County's 23rd annual Salute to Gospel Music concert will be available from Dec. 1 to 7.

The concert will take place Feb. 24 at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan and will feature Grammy Award-nominated producer, vocalist and arranger Donald Lawrence.

Lawrence's list of projects includes "Donald Lawrence Presents The Tri City Singers Finale," "I Speak Life," "Restoring the Years," "Go Get Your Life Back," "Tri City 4.com," "Hello Christmas" and "Songwriters Point of View."

In 2001, Lawrence created "Bible Stories, the Musical" which premiered with Bishop T.D. Jakes at the Woman Thou Art Loosed Conference in New Orleans. The CLC Gospel Choir, under the direction of Dr. Charles Clancy, will also perform.

The first 100 ticket buyers from Dec. 1 to 7 can buy a ticket and get another free. Ticket prices are \$26 for general admission and \$24 for CLC students, staff, alumni and seniors 65 and older.

Buyers purchasing the discounted ticket can only purchase a maximum of two at that price. They can purchase as many of the general admis-

For more information

For ticket information at Lakeshore, call (847) 543-2191

For the Grayslake campus, call (847) 543-2300

General ticket sales will begin Dec. 8 at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., and at the Grayslake and Lakeshore Campuses.

sion tickets as desired.

New this year are special group sales and fundraiser discount ticket pricing. For groups of 20 or more, tickets can be purchased at \$3 off the general admission price. For groups of 30 or more, tickets can be purchased at \$4 off the general admission price.

Tickets for the presale can only be purchased at the Lakeshore Campus, Main Lobby South Building, 33 N. Genesee Street in Waukegan, or at the Grayslake Campus box office in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, 19351 W. Washington St. in Grayslake during normal hours.

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Carbondale, Ill.

My family:
Wife, Deborah; daughter, Marissa

My pets:
None

Occupation:
Certified Public Accountant

I graduated from:
Southern Illinois University, University of
Maryland, The American University

Hobbies:
Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of
Commerce board member, Lindenhurst
Sanitary Board board member, Millburn
Church.

Last good movie I saw:
"Animal House"

**My favorite band or music right
now:**
Jazz

Last good book I've read:
Anything related to the St. Louis
Cardinals

Favorite restaurant:
Twin Oaks

Favorite meal:
Anything seafood

Favorite place to shop:
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**If I could have one superpower it
would be:**
Ability to help the world be free through
democracy

My dream job:
I have it.

My dream car:
Fast, red and expensive

My pet peeve is:
Mean people

My dream vacation would be:
Tahiti

• If you have a "Neighbor" whom we should profile in this column, call Lake County Journals at (847) 223-8161 or e-mail us at antioc@weeklyjournals.com

He's in town



Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnews.com

Santa Claus waves to onlookers during Antioch's annual Santa Parade down Main Street. Santa then proceeded to his Enchanted Castle, where he will be available for visitors through Christmas.

Village to play audio ads in December

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

ANTIOCH - When residents take a stroll through Antioch's downtown this Christmas season, they will hear holiday music wafting through the air.

And in between the songs they will hear short advertisements for local merchants.

Using the sound systems on Main and Lake streets, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring audio commercials for 17 area businesses.

The music and the advertisements will begin on Monday, Dec. 4, and will continue until Christmas, said Barbara Porch, executive director of the

Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is offering the service to stores for free, spending a "nominal" fee from its own funds to create and edit the commercial audio tapes, Porch said.

Before and after each advertisement Antioch's slogan, "Close to Home, Close to Perfect," will be played.

The audio spots will promote special deals each business is offering, such as discounts on certain purchases, Porch said.

Local Digest

Gingerbread houses

Michael Niksic will display several types of gingerbread houses and explain how to create them at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Antioch Public Library District. Treats and prizes also will be available. To sign up, call (847) 395-0874.

Thank the troops

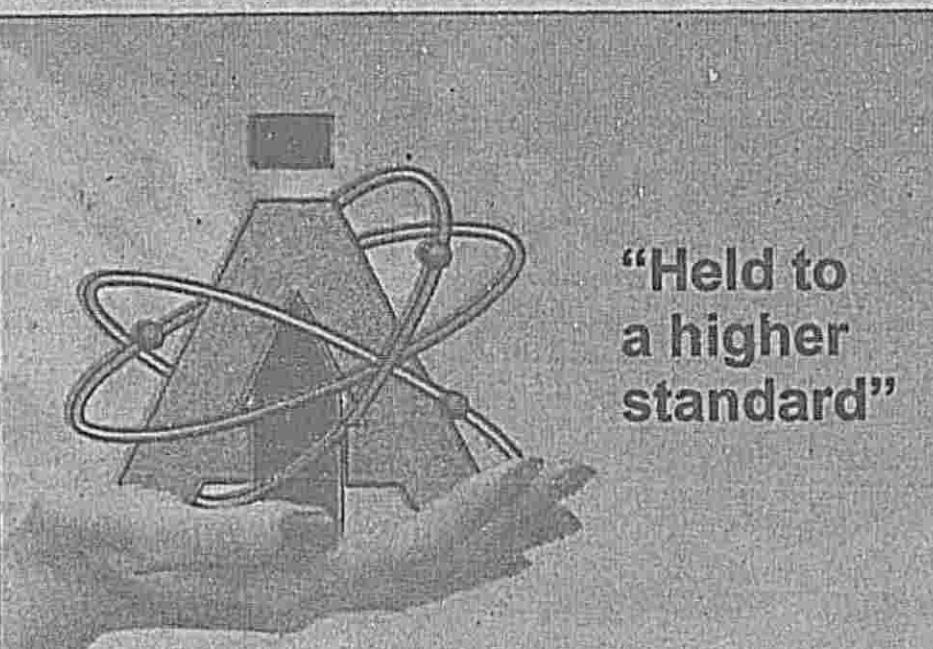
People who want to thank troops in Iraq can go to www.letssaythanks.com. Xerox partnered with non-profit military support organization Give2TheTroops to launch the site, which lets visitors send thank you cards to men and women from all military branches on active duty. People can create their own messages or choose a pre-written one. They also choose a card from designs submitted by children nationwide for the cards. To submit a design, check the Web site.

Festive fairgrounds

The Lake County Fairgrounds will be bright this holiday season.

Starting Nov. 24, the area at Routes 120 and 45 will be decorated as a winter wonderland. Cost is \$10 a car Friday through Sunday, and \$5 a car every other day of the week.

The display will run from 5 to 10 p.m. through early January.



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Resident alerts police, leads to two arrests

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH — Cooperation among two police departments and an alert citizen led to the arrests of two men who have been charged with stealing copper wire in exchange for cash.

John C. Peterson, 43, 200 block of Anita Terrace in Antioch; and Jeremy Alongi, 36, 300 block of Windmill Creek in Antioch, could face up to 5 years in prison on charges of felony theft.

The two also were charged with criminal trespass to private property, and Peterson was charged with obstruction of justice.

A woman saw two men at 4:02 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, near an apartment on the 200 block of Anita Terrace in Antioch, said Antioch Police Chief James Foerster.

The woman told police she saw the men carrying large, construction-type rolls of copper wire into the apartment. She then called the Antioch police.

After arresting and questioning the suspects, Foerster said that Alongi and Peterson said they had stolen the wire from the Menards construction site on Route 173. The two were bringing rolls of copper wire 78 feet long to scrap yards, and trading each roll in for \$700 in cash.

Round Lake Beach Police Deputy Chief Rich Chiarello said the Round Lake Area also has had incidents involving stolen copper wire. His officers passed on information to the



Jeremy Alongi

Antioch police that eventually led to the arrest of Peterson and Alongi.

Chiarello said Round Lake Beach's investigation is ongoing, and could not confirm whether Peterson and Alongi were responsible for thefts in that area.

Antioch police arrested the duo around 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, and they were transported to the Lake County Jail.

Peterson was held on a \$30,000 bond, and Alongi on a \$20,000 bond. Alongi appeared in court on Monday, Nov. 27, in Waukegan. Peterson will appear in Waukegan court on Dec. 14.



John C. Peterson

ACHS park closer to completion

Delays put end date at spring 2007

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH — After more than two years of waiting, the completion of Antioch Community High School's athletic park is on the horizon.

But Bill Ahlers isn't holding his breath.

"It should have been done two years ago," he said, with a laugh.

Once finished, the park will consist of three soccer fields, two softball fields, one field hockey area, and 12 tennis courts, which are already there. The sports facility will sit along McMillan Road, near the high school's parking lot near the football field.

The project is estimated to cost \$2 million, funded by taxpayers, said Ahlers, School District 117's business manager.

Ahlers said unexpected road blocks have delayed the park.

In order to cut down on building expenses, the

district relied upon Waste Management to donate the park site, a former landfill, Ahlers said. Thelen Sand and Gravel promised to provide dirt.

But Environmental Protection Agency regulations slowed down the approval of Waste Management's land donation, with the agency taking extra precautions because the site was a former dump.

And the dirt that Thelen set aside for the park had to go to other clients, Ahlers said, because the company couldn't wait for the land to be approved. Then Thelen had to get more dirt to fill in the park land.

But after those headaches, Ahlers said he expects the park to be done by spring 2007.

"We just about have all we need," Ahlers said. Thelen has brought in dirt needed for the park, and work on the concession stand has begun.

Ahlers said he will be glad when the project is finally done.

"Hallelujah!" he said.

Library digest

ANTIOCH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Movie Night

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7

Please join the library for a movie about an extraordinary romance between a doctor and an architect

who once occupied the same lakehouse.

"Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?"

At 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4

Bring the whole gang for this unique and festive demonstration. Get recipes and house design templates. Reservations are required, call the reference desk at (847) 395-0874.

School notes

SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

Pancakes

Hillcrest Elementary School will host its annual pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 2. Santa will stop by for storytelling and photos, and a Holiday Shop will offer books and Christmas goodies.

The breakfast costs \$4 for an adult and \$3 a child. A photo with Santa costs \$2, and gift shop items range from 25 cents to \$15.

Phone calls

Parents are asked to call Antioch Upper Grade School

before 2 p.m. about their child's end-of-day activities. This will give office staff more time to get messages to students and reduce busy phone lines.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

Girl scout project

Junior Girl Scout Troop 1717 is asking for new or used books for the troop's pen pals in Ghana, Africa.

The books will be used to finish the Admina Youth Foundation's library. Books will be taken until Dec. 2.

Call (847) 265-6042 for more information.

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AROUND TOWN

ANTIOCH

- **Rummage Sale.** 6 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, and 7 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 2. Antioch Community High School auxiliary gym, 1133 Main St. Proceeds will go to the Shriners' Hospital for Children and the remainders will be donated to Purple Heart or the Salvation Army.

- **"One Quiet Night."** 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 1501 Deep Lake Rd. A 50-minute musical depicting the true meaning of Christmas. For more information, call (847) 395-9400.

- **Annual Cookies & Confections Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, and after 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, Sunday, Dec. 10. Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St. For more information, call (847) 395-1259.

- **Sub-committee meetings of Antioch Village Board.** 7 p.m., first Mondays. Committee meetings of the whole follow at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room, 874 Main St.

- **Bingo.** 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

- **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.

- **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

- **Antioch Network of Friends meeting.** 7 p.m., first Tuesdays. Community Building, 884 Main St., back entrance. A multiple sclerosis support group. Call Louise at (847) 395-1317 or Rachel at (847) 973-1808 for details.

- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at (847) 395-7407 or Betty Muller at (847) 838-3907 for more information.

- **AFFTER (Advocates for Fibromyalgia Funding, Treatment Education and Research) support group meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon, first Saturdays. Antioch's Community Building, 884 Main St. Call (847) 362-7807 or go to www.AFFTER.org for more information.

- **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

- **The Meeting House Museum.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., first Saturdays. See original photos of Antioch and a veterans' exhibit of photos and memorabilia from the Civil War through the Gulf War.

- **Antioch Garden Club meeting.** 6:45 p.m., first Mondays. United Methodist Church, 848 Main St. All are welcome. Call Debbie at (847) 395-4699 to learn more.

- **Northern Lake County Quilters Guild meeting.** 7 p.m., first Wednesdays. Antioch Township Center on Deep Lake Rd. north of Grass Lake Rd. Call Madelyn Anderson at (847) 651-8349 to learn more.

Lakes Area Community Band

- **rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847) 395-0272 to learn more.

- **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

CRYSTAL LAKE

- **Crystal Lake Toastmasters Club meeting.** 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Amcore Bank Building, Rt. 14 and Pingree Rd. Develop your presentation and leadership skills. For information, call Steve at (847) 526-1525 or visit <http://user.mc.net/~toast1>.

FOX LAKE

- **VFW Fox Lake Memorial Post 9655 meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first Wednesdays. Fox Lake Legion Hall. Call (847) 587-1681 for more information.

- **Fox Lake Library Senior Coffee and Chat.** 9:30 a.m., first Tuesdays. Fox Lake Library, 255 E. Grand Ave.

GRAYSLAKE

- **CLC Annual Holiday Art Sale.** Dec. 2-5: Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; Monday-Tuesday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Features original art. Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art Atrium, Learning Resource Center, Grayslake Campus. Parking is available in lots 7 and 7A. For more information, call Donna Sands at (847) 543-2405.

- **CLC Jazz Concert, featuring the Chicago Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra and the CLC Monday Night Jazz Ensemble.** 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3. James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, Mainstage Theatre, Grayslake Campus, 19351 W. Washington St. Tickets are \$4. For tickets, call (847) 543-2300 or visit www.cjcillinois.edu/tickets.

- **Lancerette Dance Team Dance Clinic.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17. PE Center, Building 7, CLC Grayslake Campus. Cost is \$40 and includes T-shirt, 2 lunches, team photo and other gifts. Deadline for registration is Dec. 6. To register, or to get more information, call Martica Davis at (847) 543-2516 or e-mail at clclancerdance@yahoo.com.

- **Zurko's International Antique Market.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10. Lake County Fairgrounds. For more information, call (715) 526-9769 or visit www.zurkoantiquetours.com.

GURNEE

- **"A Little Touch of Heaven" Craft Faire.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2. Annunciation Episcopal Church, 5725 Stearns School Rd. Bake sale and luncheon will be available for a nominal fee. For more information, call Terry Kline at (847) 336-1405.

- **Network Lake County meeting.** 8-9 a.m., Thursdays. A business networking group meeting in Gurnee. Call Boyce Buckner at (847) 838-0058 to learn

more.

- **Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meeting.** 7:30 a.m., first and third Fridays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Call (847) 249-3800 for information.

- **LeTip Networking Group meeting.** 7:01-8:31 a.m., Wednesdays. Panera Bread, 6557 Grand Ave. Local business owners promote their businesses and exchange leads. Guests are free. For more information, call Dennis Dean at (847) 231-3009.

- **Daniel Wright Toastmasters Club meeting.** 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Members meet to develop communication and leadership skills. For more information, call Sam Valenti at (847) 722-2828, or visit <http://danielwright.toasthost.org>.

- **Lake County Camera Club meeting.** 6:30 p.m., peer-to-peer discussion and socializing; 7:30 p.m., meeting, first Fridays. Warren Township Center, east crafts room, in park on southwest corner of Almond and Washington. All skill levels, digital and film, welcome. Call Mike Ament at (847) 356-6937 (noon-6 p.m.) to learn more.

- **Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting.** 1:30-4 p.m., second Sundays. Warren-Newport Public Library. Enjoy the art of fiber spinning and meet fellow spinners. Call Carol at (847) 234-0778 or Chris at (847) 367-2536 to learn more.

- **Viking Park Singers rehearsals.** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Viking Park Dance Hall. Interested singers are welcome.

- **Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meeting.** 8:30 a.m., Saturdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Call Chuck at (847) 362-5458 for details.

HAINESVILLE

- **Hainesville Great Age Club.** Varied times, first Tuesdays. Hainesville Village Hall. The group is for Hainesville residents, age 62 and older. For more information, call the village hall at (847) 223-2032.

INGLESIDE

- **Holiday Social.** 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. For more information, call (847) 587-5044.

- **Grant Township Board meeting.** 7 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Administration Center, 26725 W. Molidor Rd. Call (847) 740-2233 to learn more.

- **Fox Lake/Round Lake Area Rotary meeting.** Noon, Fridays at Za Za's, 69 Washington.

- **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.

ISLAND LAKE

- **2nd Annual Holiday Mall.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2. Cotton Creek School, 545 Newport Ct. Shop from ven-

dors and village businesses.

LAKE VILLA

- **Cookie Walk & Craft Fair.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. Calvary Christian School, 134 Monaville Rd. For more information, call (847) 356-6198.

- **Lake Villa Plan Commission meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first Wednesdays.

- **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.

- **Lake Villa Township AARP Chapter 3978 board meeting.** 10:30 a.m., first Thursdays. Township Offices.

- **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.

MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst

- **Moms Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

LIBERTYVILLE

- **Breakfast with Santa.** 10 a.m. and noon, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10. Lambs Farm, 14245 W. Rockland Rd. Cost is \$14.95 per adult or child 2 and older. Children under 2 are free. Cost includes a visit and photo with Santa and many holiday activities.

- **National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ansel Brainerd Cook Chapter, meeting.** 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. Libertyville Township Office, 359 Merrill Ct. Debbie McArdle of Black Horse Antiques will present "What is It Worth?" Interested women are welcome to attend. Call Sandra Michaels at (847) 249-0456 for additional information.

- **Sing-Along Messiah with North Suburban Symphony.** 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 Church St. A donation of \$15 is suggested, with half the ticket proceeds donated to PADS.

- **Pet Photo with Santa fundraiser.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. Pets General Store, 432 Peterson Rd. \$6 donation goes to support House of Hope, a K-9 rescue group. For more information, call (847) 249-5630 or visit www.ourhouse-of-hope.net.

LINDENHURST

- **Lindenhurst Planning Commission meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. Village Hall. Call (847) 356-8252 to learn more.

- **Lindenhurst Sanitary District meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first Thursdays. Village Hall. Call (847) 356-8252 to learn more.

- **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

- **Lindenhurst/Lakes Area Kiwanis Club meeting.** 7:30-8:30 a.m., first and

- third Thursdays. Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center. For information, call (847) 356-7912.

- **American Sewing Guild group, "Running in Stitches," meeting.** 7 p.m., first Thursdays. State Bank of the Lakes, Grand Ave. Call Mary Petit at (847) 356-9242 or Janet at (847) 265-7932 for additional information.

MILLBURN

- **Compassionate Friends Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony.** 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10. Millburn Congressional Church, Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Rd. The ceremony is open to all family and friends grieving the loss of a child. Candles are provided. For more information, call (847) 395-8597.

ROUND LAKE

- **A Safe Place support group meeting.** Wednesdays. For women who are dealing with abuse in their homes. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at (847) 249-4450 or (847) 249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

- **Free Blood Pressure Testing.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, first Wednesdays. For seniors at the Round Lake Community Center.

- **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS

- **Round Lake Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. Indian Hill School, 1920 N. Lotus Dr. New musicians and all instruments are always welcome. Call Christi at (847) 546-8558, ext. 422, to learn more.

SPRING GROVE

- **Spring Grove Village Board meeting.** 6 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Council Chambers at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Rd. For more information, call (815) 675-2121.

WADSWORTH

- **St Patrick Knights of Columbus Christmas Craft Fair.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2. St. Patrick School gymnasium, 15000 Wadsworth Rd. More than 30 crafters and exhibitors. Free admission. Call Brian Gallagher at (847) 651-5362 for more information.

- **Village of Wadsworth Board meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Village Hall, 14155 Wadsworth Rd.

- **Village of Wadsworth Planning Commission meeting.** 7 p.m., first

- Thursday after first Tuesday, when agenda items are present. Call Village Hall at (847) 336-7771 to confirm.

- **To submit an item to the Calendar, e-mail to ujcalendar@weeklyjournals.com, phone (847) 223-8161 or fax (847) 223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.**

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Beary good treat

Organizations to give away teddy bears

By TARA CLIFTON
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Three organizations are teaming up to bring smiles to the elderly and children this holiday season.

LakeCountyMoms.com, Curves for Women, and Bear Magic of Lake County are collecting teddy bears until Dec. 8. The bears will be given to nursing homes, foster children, children's hospitals, and others who need cheering up.

This is the first time LakeCountyMoms.com, an online support group for mothers, has participated in a teddy bear drive, group founder Beth Olzewski said.

She said she hopes to make this an annual event.

Those who want to help out are asked to bring new or gently used teddy bears to 13 Curves locations throughout the county. Olzewski said she will collect the toys and sort through them, then deliver them to Bear Magic. Workers at Bear Magic will then distribute the bears to hospitals, nursing homes, fire departments, and other such agencies.

"[Teddy bears] can give you a hug back," Olzewski said. "They can love you unconditionally."

The teddy bear drive is just one way LakeCountyMoms.com tries to help others, she said.

Since it began, the group has grown from 14 members to 1,500.

"It's a nice way to network on a local level," Olzewski said.

Give someone a smile

Donate to these Curves locations:

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(847) 550-0602

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Illinois Department of Human Services Secretary Carol L. Adams announces the Express Stamps program, which will offer access to food stamps to low-income families through an online service. Also pictured is H. Dennis Smith, Northern Illinois Food Bank executive director.

Program streamlines food stamps to those in need

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ZION - Several social service agencies have collaborated to provide a new avenue through which people in need are able to receive public aid.

Nancy Montanez Johner, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, visited the Faith Food Pantry in Zion on Nov. 21 to an-

ounce a new partnership that is meant to make receiving food stamps easier for low-income families.

The project, called Express Stamps, is designed to increase participation in the federal food stamp program by providing quick and easy access through an online process at the food pantries where families are picking up food boxes.

Five northern Illinois food

pantries are the first in the nation to pilot the program.

The Express Stamps program is a collaboration between the USDA, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network, and the Northern Illinois Food Bank and its pantries.

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New facility, improvements in store for Vista Health

Acute care center to open in Lindenhurst, renovations to Waukegan hospitals

By JESSICA JACOBSEN
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Health care options continue to improve in Lake County, according to local officials.

Positive changes include renovations and additions to Vista East Medical Center in Waukegan, a proposal by Condell Medical Center in Libertyville and an upgrade to a Level I trauma center. And more changes are on the way.

Vista Health System recently announced plans for more renovations to Vista East and Vista Medical Center West, both in Waukegan, along with plans to open an acute care center in Lindenhurst.

Barbara J. Martin, Vista Health System president and CEO, said the northern part of Lake County is in need of an inpatient acute care facility because that area is about 15 miles from the nearest facility.

"It's [the acute care center] going to mean access to health care beds," Martin said.

A letter of intent was filed to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board for the medical center, as well as renova-

For us to provide service to our community and surrounding communities ... it's just going to be such a great service

Carol Zerba
Lindenhurst village board trustee

tions. The next step, Martin said, will be filing for the certificate of need, which Vista Health officials expect will happen in early 2007.

The new facility will be located on Grand Avenue, behind Vista's surgical center and will cost \$99.8 million to complete. The medical center will be 215,000 square feet and will have 140 patient beds.

Carol Zerba, Lindenhurst village board trustee, said she was thrilled when she heard the village would be home to the health care facility.

"For us to provide service to our community and surrounding communities ... it's just going to be such a great service,"

Zerba said.

Zerba added the acute care center had been in discussion in years past, but actual planning had been delayed.

"It's been needed for quite some time," she said.

Lindenhurst Mayor Jim Betustak also thinks that, with the growth in the area throughout the years, the facility is needed.

"I think a complete facility ... is long overdue," Betustak said.

Betustak added that he was pleased when he heard money had been committed for it to happen.

"I was very elated," he said.

In addition to the proposed new facility, \$70 million is planned to be invested in Vista East and West. Renovations planned for Vista East include being able to provide open-heart surgery, an expanded ICU and same-day surgery, enhancing cardiac services and renovations to the New Family Center. The center serves pregnant women and families.

These renovations are in addition to the recently completed \$20 million construction project at Vista East.

Vista West proposed renovations include expanding the inpatient psychiatric

Breakdown

Proposed Lindenhurst acute care center

Where: Grand Avenue, behind Vista Health surgical center

Cost: \$99.8 million

Size: 140 patient beds; 215,000 square feet

Vista Medical Center East and West proposed renovations:

• \$70 million invested in improvements

• Vista East: open-heart surgery program; expanded ICU; enhanced cardiac service; renovate New Family Center

• Vista West: expanding inpatient psychiatric and rehabilitation unit; transforming standby emergency room into 24-hour urgent care center

and rehabilitation unit, as well as transforming the standby emergency room into a 24-hour urgent care center.

These proposed renovations, and the acute care center, come months after Vista Health partnered with Tennessee-based Community Health Services.

Martin said feedback from the community and elected officials has been good, since the announcement.

"[It's] just been extremely positive," Martin said.

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A couple snooze after a morning of shopping on Nov. 24, Black Friday, at Gurnee Mills. The day after Thanksgiving has been dubbed Black Friday because it is the first shopping day of the Christmas season and one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

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Stamp Express users to receive respectful service, fast benefits

• STAMP EXPRESS

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"Ensuring that all who are eligible for our programs know about them and can receive the nutrition assistance they need with dignity and respect is a top priority at USDA," Montanez Johner said. "Creative and innovative partnerships at all levels are needed to find the best way for more low-income families to participate in the federal food stamp program."

Currently, a food stamp application can take up to 30 days to be processed. When a person applies at one of the IDHS Family Community Resource Centers, a caseworker enters data and the applicant goes through an interview to verify information.

Once eligibility is determined, a notice is sent to the applicant and another trip to the center is needed to get his or her card and benefits.

With Express Stamps, one or two months of benefits will be issued based on the date of application. Only identity needs to be verified and benefits can be accessed immediately.

"Families should not have to wait for the food they need," IDHS Secretary Carol L. Adams said. "By giving people who visit food pantries direct access to the Food Stamp Program through the Web, Express Stamps is another step forward as we move to ensure [Illinois residents] are online and not in line when it comes to receiving important services."

A comprehensive hunger study conducted this year by the America's Second Harvest Network showed that fewer than 30 percent of the people who seek emergency food assistance from agencies served by the organization's member food banks are enrolled in the Food Stamp Program.

Harvesting change

America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network is the largest charitable domestic hunger-relief organization in the country with a network of more than 200 member food banks and food-rescue organizations serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The America's Second Harvest Network secures and distributes more than 2 billion pounds of donated food and grocery products annually, and supports approximately 50,000 local charitable agencies oper-

About the project

Express Stamps is a new enrollment program to connect low-income people directly to the federal food stamp program while visiting their local food pantry.

The process is currently being piloted in five communities in Illinois, including Faith Food Pantry in Zion.

The project is designed to increase participation in food stamps by providing access through an online process at the food pantries where families are picking up food boxes.

For more information, contact Faith Food Pantry, 2803 W. 30th St., in Zion, at (847) 878-8882.

"Our Network is on the frontlines each day fighting hunger in America," said Vicki Escarra, president and chief executive officer of America's Second Harvest. "We believe our Members and agencies are the best conduit for reaching food-insecure households. The Express Stamps program is exactly the kind of collaboration that will help to solve hunger in America."

The UPS Foundation provided funding for the pilot programs at Northern Illinois Food Bank food pantries in Zion, Holy Angels in Aurora, Wayne Township in West Chicago, Community Care in Braidwood, and Fish Pantry of Carpentersville.

The application and intake process is run entirely by volunteers and, according to H. Dennis Smith, CEO of Northern Illinois Food Bank, "More than 30 volunteers have stepped up to give their time to learn all the details, then assist potential Express Stamp beneficiaries in completing the online application process."

It is expected that the test sites will be evaluated after a few months and, if successful, more sites will be added in Illinois and other states.

ating more than 94,000 programs including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs and Kids Cafes.

Last year, the America's Second Harvest Network provided food assistance to more than 25 million low-income hungry people in the United States, including 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors.

For more on the America's Second Harvest Network, visit the Web site at www.secondharvest.org.



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Volunteer Bobbie Glover loads frozen turkeys to be donated to families for the Thanksgiving holiday at the Faith Food Pantry in Zion. Students from Zion-Benton High School also helped with the food basket distribution.

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Our View

New \$1 coin another loser

In Canada, they call their dollar a "loonie," and there is no paper alternative.

In the United States, the U.S. Mint has come out with yet another dollar coin — and pardon us, presidents — it's a loser.

Americans simply won't use it. Not as long as the much-beloved paper dollar is available.

The United Kingdom dropped single notes more than 20 years ago, as have Japan and China. In the 12 nations using European Union currency, the lowest denomination euro note is a five. A single is a coin.

Americans didn't use the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin; looked too much like a quarter. They haven't used the Sacagawea golden dollar; hasn't been produced in four years and 200 million are in storage, according to USA Today.

Now, the U.S. Mint has introduced golden "presidential dollars," a little bigger than the quarter, copying its 50-states series. Four presidential dollars will be issued each year, with George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe leading the way in 2007. The

Washington dollar will be debut Feb. 15. Each year, four more presidents sequentially will be released.

President Nixon, who resigned in disgrace, is scheduled to be the first president on the 2016 series. Presidents Carter and Ford still are alive, so President Reagan will have to wait.

As long as the paper dollar is available, dollar coins simply won't work their way into general circulation.

"Given past experiences, [the presidential dollar] will be [more] successful as a collector's item than as a medium of exchange unless something is done to overcome the public's preference for note," the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland wrote in 2004, when Congress ordered the new dollar coins.

The General Accounting Office reported two years earlier that replacing the dollar bill with a dollar coin would save \$500 million a year, because of a 21-month average shelf life of a dollar note versus 30 years for a dollar coin.

The presidential dollar's will look nice in a numismatist's coin book, but you won't find it in many shoppers' pockets.

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Seeing it Through

Future of political parties in question

Much has been said of the rising tide of Democratic victories across the country, and in Illinois and Lake County. Much also has been said about how that tide might portend for an even bleaker future for the Republicans.

A word of caution for Democrats — the "tsunami" that blew away Republicans on Nov. 7 was so largely "anti-Bush" that it might mean nothing in 2008.

If Democrats rest on their new-found laurels, they could find that "the higher and faster you rise, the harder the fall."

If they play their cards right, though, Democrats could continue their electoral surge.

With all the talk of "Washington sleaze and corruption," Democrats, with their new majority in Congress, can take steps to finally clean up the ethical "slop-bucket" in the highest levels of government.

If Democrats take a leading role in forging a new foreign

policy, one that is more open with the public, they will gain more public support.

If Democrats continue to field new faces for public office, without focus on limited political ideologies, their margins will increase.

Republicans, on the other hand, must reverse what caused their downward slide since their blowout of Democrats in 1994.

They can't blame it all on President Bush.

Almost everything that the Republicans stood for in 1994 in what they billed as the "contract with America," was erased by how they misused their opportunities to govern.

Pay-to-play politics was ele-

vated to historic proportions and scandals became enormous and ongoing.

It was one of the reasons that exit polls showed that ethics was as much on the minds of voters as the Iraq War.

Statewide, Republicans have kept going backward, and have not recovered from the Gov. George Ryan scandals.

Also, the trend against Republicans has accelerated as the traditionally strong GOP suburbia has been invaded by city Democrats who have moved into all areas surrounding the city of Chicago.

Who would have predicted that the state senate would pick up enough Democratic seats to have a veto-proof majority during the next two years?

Just as in sports, where the fans call for the manager's scalp when their teams lose, Republicans are calling to oust their state chairman after their vote disaster.



John S.
Matijevich

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• Snapshot

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"Do you set a holiday budget before you begin shopping?"



"Heck no!"
Mrs. Aarkey
Volo



"No, however much I need to spend I will."
Cody O'Donnell
Wauconda



"No, [it's] something I regret every year."
Heidi Richter-Smith
Chicago



"Of course we do. I haven't gone shopping yet, we didn't go Black Friday."
Grace Brown
Lake Villa

• Partylines

compiled by staff reports

Alderman's request for endorsement denied

Waukegan Alderman John Balen, 2nd Ward, is not known as someone who keeps his opinions to himself.

And one of his favorite forums has often been aldermen's time, which afford members of the city council the opportunity to discuss whatever city business is on their minds.

At the Nov. 20 city council meeting, Balen used his aldermen's time to discuss the 2008 presidential election, asking that the council pass a resolution urging U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., to throw his name in the ring as a Democratic candidate.

Balen said he believed Obama provided, "A hope to heal the wounds of America."

However, other aldermen on the council, and Waukegan Mayor Richard Hyde, took issue with passing such a resolution.

Hyde explained that there was some controversy heading into the Nov. 7 general election when Gurnee Mayor Kristina Kovarick and the Gurnee village board, with the exception of Trustee Ray Damijonaitis, released a letter to village residents expressing their support for Sharyn Elman, who was running for state representative in the 62nd District.

"When you do it as a group like this, you are saying the city recommends [the candidate], not the individual," Hyde said.



John Balen
Waukegan
Alderman, 2nd
Ward

City Attorney Brian Grach agreed, saying it was out of order for the city council, as a governing body, to express support for a candidate. He added that it was appropriate for an alderman as an individual to endorse a candidate.

Balen, however, said he disagreed, explaining his belief that the U.S. "is in deep trouble and the leadership so far is questionable."

"We're seeking a way to heal the wounds in this country and I don't think there could be a more blanket statement to the people of this country, or the whole world, than if we would elect a black president in this country," Balen said.

Grach countered that the choice for president, or any office, was a personal one.

"Some people don't want to express who they think should run," he said.

Hyde ruled that the motion was out of order.

Paying respects

U.S. Congressman Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, joined veterans to dedicate a memorial in North Chicago honoring African-Americans who served in World War II.

The monument also marks a historic moment in naval history — the first 13 black naval officers were commissioned in North Chicago in March of 1944. The twelve commissioned officers and a warrant officer became known as the "Golden Thirteen".

"Our monument recognizes the contribution of all members of the Greatest Generation, but is unique as the first to honor African-American World War II

navy veterans," Kirk said in his address to an audience of community leaders and veterans. "Our African-American heroes fought three battles: one against the Nazis in the Atlantic, one against the Japanese in the Pacific and one against racists here at home."

"It is important that this memorial was built here in front of Great Lakes Naval Training Center where all young Americans who join our Navy will remember these heroes."

Kirk secured a \$97,000 federal appropriation to erect the memorial in North Chicago's Veterans Memorial Park.

Joining Kirk at the ceremony was Susan Sublett, widow of Frank Sublett. During last year's ground-breaking, Lt. Frank Sublett — the last surviving member of the Golden Thirteen presided. Frank passed away this fall.

Members of the Golden Thirteen became naval leaders long before President Harry Truman desegregated the military.

Several other officials attended the ceremony, including North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham and Ted Hudson, the president of the Chicago Chapter of WWII Black Naval Veterans of Great Lakes.

Although the monument honors all World War II veterans, it has special plaques marking the service of the

Golden Thirteen and other prominent black military heroes. North Chicago Veterans Memorial Park is dedicated to all who served during World War II.

Money trail

Gov. Rod Blagojevich also recently announced \$164,300 in snowmobile trail grants to three local governments and eight private organizations for safety equipment, safety improvements and maintenance of public-access snowmobile trails in Illinois.

The Northeastern Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs, based in Lake County, was awarded \$1,900 to purchase snowmobile trail signs and stakes for marking public snowmobile trails.

The Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs, benefitting all northern Illinois counties, also received a \$50,000 grant to assist with funding the annual liability insurance for public snowmobile trails, and a grant of \$10,000 for the operation, maintenance, storage and insurance costs associated with operating 22 snowmobile trail groomers.

"These grants will help make sure snowmobile riders find safe public-access trails throughout northern Illinois," Blagojevich said. "This program provides support to our local partners to keep trails clearly marked and properly maintained for the thousands of people who enjoy snowmobiling during the winter."

The state snowmobile grant program is funded entirely by snowmobile riders through registration fees. The cost to register a snowmobile is \$18 for three years. There are more than 40,000 registered snowmobiles in Illinois.

Republican leaders find difficulty pleasing party members

• MATIJEVICH

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Because the ideological split is a wide chasm in the GOP, any attempt to resolve the party leadership by shifting "musical chairs" will be more than difficult.

Judy Baar Topinka found that out in her brief stint as

Republican chairman, and that it hurt her even more when she came to the aid of her party to run for governor.

Don't look for many volunteers to come forward to lead the party. No one likes to lead the Titanic when it reaches near-bottom.

In a sense, the Lake County

problem.

The results of the election were barely announced when the Republican Assembly of Lake County took aim at GOP Chairman Daniel Venturi, stopping to call him a "simpleton" and taking action that was "stupid beyond belief."

The assembly, a strongly conservative group, in effect, criti-

cizes the regular political party for not being Republican enough in holding true to the party principles.

Former local GOP chairman, State Rep. JoAnn Osmond, R-Antioch, found out how difficult it was to satisfy both sides.

Just as Venturi said that he is willing to meet with his dissenters, Osmond tried that route

to no avail. There again, the rift is so wide, it will be more than difficult to heal.

Just recently, I have heard again that old Will Rogers quotation, "I don't belong to any organized political party; I'm a Democrat."

It appears that Republicans are trying their best to share that quotation with Democrats.

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'Happy Feet' characters use web site to fight flu

Several U.S. cities are already reporting their first cases of flu, and now is the time to prepare your flu-fighting arsenal. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for the 2006/2007 season cite three key flu-fighting tools: vaccination, use of anti-viral medications and good hygiene practices. To help make these guidelines work for you and your family, a new Web site—fluFACTS.com—provides in-depth flu information and interactive tools with the help of the animated characters from the new movie "Happy Feet."

Vaccine is the number-one way to prevent flu. But if you do find yourself feeling ill, the "Happy Feet" penguins demonstrate three simple steps to fighting flu:

Step one: Learn the FACTS of flu

Is it cold or flu? Flu symptoms are different and more severe than a cold. An easy way to tell the difference between cold and flu are remembering the following F.A.C.T.S.:

- Fever (usually high)
- Aches (usually severe)
- Chills (fairly common)
- Tiredness (moderate to severe)
- Sudden onset. The flu usually comes on very quickly and some describe it "like being hit with a truck."

Step two: Act fast, see your doctor

If you have flu symptoms, see your doctor within 12 to 48 hours,

so that you can be properly diagnosed and treated. If you are not sure what to ask your doctor, www.fluFACTS.com provides a list of questions that you can print out and bring to the doctor's office.

Step three: Ask about prescription anti-viral medications

The first defense against the flu is a flu vaccine. If you do come down with the flu, you'll want to see your doctor right away, so he or she may consider if a prescription anti-viral medication is a good option for you. While the over-the-counter products can relieve symptoms, prescription anti-viral medications actually treat the virus by directly attacking it at its source. If taken within 12-48 hours of symptom onset, anti-virals can reduce the duration of the flu and get you back on your feet faster. In addition, anti-virals may be used to prevent your friends and family members from getting the flu.

Other fluFACTS.com features:

• Test Your Flu IQ. Go to fluFACTS.com to test your flu knowledge. Fill in the gaps by reviewing the symptom charts that explain the difference between cold and flu.

• Know when the Flu is in Your Area. Type in your zip code to find out if the flu is heading towards your hometown.

• Understand Flu Treatment Options. Learn the role of vaccines and anti-virals, over-the-

Symptoms At A Glance

SYMPOTMS	COLD	FLU
Fever	Rare	Usually present
Aches	Slight	Usual, often severe
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Tiredness	Mild	Moderate to severe
Sudden Symptoms	Appear gradually	Can appear within 3-6 hours
Coughing	Hacking, productive	Dry, unproductive cough
Sneezing	Common	Uncommon
Stuffy nose	Common	Uncommon
Sore throat	Common	Uncommon
Chest Discomfort	Mild to moderate	Often severe
Headache	Uncommon	Common

counter treatments and nonmedical alternatives; why antibiotics don't treat the flu.

• About Influenza, Impact of Influenza, What Is a Flu

Pandemic?

For easy reference, bookmark www.fluFACTS.com to use as a reference throughout the flu season.

Toasting good health

There are many traditions at Christmastime, including raising a glass to toast to the good health of friends and family. This tradition dates back to old England, where wassail was the drink of choice at this time of year.

Wassail is a warm drink that is made from ale (similar to beer, but heavier) or wine. It is often flavored with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg. According to the "Women's Day Encyclopedia of Cookery," the word wassail is derived from the Old Norse word vesheill, which means "be in good health."

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Letters to the Editor

No real fear

To the Editor:

I take issue with the letter by David Holden. Coyotes do pose a threat to small dogs and cats. They are no threat to humans unless they are rabid. The animal in his back yard was probably hungry because it was injured. People keep building farther into land, which a short time ago, was land where wild animals roamed freely. Humans, not coyotes, are the invaders.

My wise mother taught us not to be afraid until you've investigated the situation and found whether there is any reason for fear. In this case there was no reason.

I was out in Lyons Woods on North Avenue in Waukegan with three dogs. I was off the path and a coyote came along. He was just curious and was looking us over. He came within a couple or three feet from us. My dogs are taught, if I say, "No talking," they stay still and don't bark.

I talked to the coyote for a couple of minutes and then said, "Now get out of here," and he walked away. He posed no danger to either me or my dogs, and neither of us had reason for fear.

Had Mr. Holden been able to get someone to answer his call there was a good chance he would have been a threat to the coyote. The animal could well have been destroyed.

Zoe Metallo
Waukegan

Prematurity awareness

To the Editor:

More than half a million babies are born prematurely every year, and the number is rising. Here in Illinois, 22,360 babies were born prematurely in 2003 and 1,560 babies died before their first birthday. Premature birth is the No. 1 killer of newborns, and babies who survive could be disabled for life.

Seven years ago our family experienced the premature birth of our triplet boys. Instead of being able to hold, comfort and feed our babies, we saw them through plastic isolettes in the special care nursery. We were unable to even hold our frail babies for many days.

During the first four months of the boys' lives, we watched as they endured two bouts of meningitis, numerous blood transfusions, infections, four surgeries, liver failure and we also watched our precious

Collin die unexpectedly when he was 9-weeks-old.

The public has a limited knowledge of prematurity. Prematurity is a real problem, striking one out of every eight babies. The March of Dimes designated November as prematurity awareness month.

The March of Dimes is leading a comprehensive effort to save babies from premature birth by funding research to find the causes and by supporting local programs for families with a baby in intensive care. I want your readers to know they can help save babies from premature birth by taking action at marchofdimes.com. The March of Dimes fought to defeat polio. Today we are fighting an even bigger challenge – premature birth.

Pam Chay, RN, IBCLC

Chair for the March of Dimes
Lake County WalkAmerica site

No respect

To the Editor:

I am appalled at the Grayslake Library's proposed Grayslake Youth Center. Why would they encourage our youth to "put their feet up on the table and/or even draw on it"? Why would they encourage such disrespect?

We have a hard enough time, in this permissive society, teaching our children to respect the property of others, and then [the library] is going to encourage them to show contempt for our property, in this manner. Does [the library] honestly think this is the only way to get the children to come to the library? Does it think the youth will contain this disrespect in one room?

What is wrong with laws and manners? While many children go through a period of rebellion of the established mores, it is not for the establishment to encourage such behavior. We are to teach them the respectful way to behave. If they want to damage and destroy furniture, let them do so in their own home where their parents can pay for such coddling.

We pay too much in taxes for this library for them to misuse our money in such a way, not to mention the development of our children.

Please let the library board know if this is not how you want our library to spend our taxes.

Mary Kotarba
Grayslake

OBITUARIES

CARL 'CORKY' HEGGELAND

Born: Oct. 21, 1942
Died: Nov. 20, 2006

McHENRY—Carl "Corky" Heggeland, age 64, a long time resident of McHenry, formerly of Long Lake, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006 in Crystal Lake. He was born in Chicago on Oct. 21, 1942 to Birger F. and Eleanor (nee Sheehan) Heggeland, and was an independent sales representative for gift collectibles. He was an avid Chicago Bears and White Sox fan, and had enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, golf, and spending time with his family and friends.

He will be greatly missed by his loving companion Pamela (nee Marshall) Heggeland of McHenry; his son, Gregg Richard Heggeland of St. Petersburg, Fla.; his niece and nephews, Karen, Scott and Mark; two great-nieces and his sister-in-law Elaine Heggeland of Norridge. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert Heggeland.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Nov. 29, at St. Bede Catholic Church, in Ingleside. Interment was private. Arrangements were completed by the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake) Memorials to your favorite charity will be appreciated by

the family. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

IRENE C. WERNER

Born: May 16, 1932
Died: Nov. 20, 2006
Was a math teacher at Libertyville High School

LIBERTYVILLE—Irene C. Werner, age 74 of Libertyville, passed away Monday, Nov. 20, 2006 at her home. She was a math teacher at Libertyville High School for 40 years.

Surviving are four children, Diana Pitstick (Mohammad B. Meftahi) of Glen Ellyn, Mark Evan (Lenore) Pitstick of Lisle, Kay Marie Philon (Eric Fisher) of Springfield and Evan James "EJ" (Carol) Werner of Fair Haven, N.J.; and dear GiaGia to eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Angelos and Lefkothea Koyonis and by her sister.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Nov. 25 at the Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church in Lincolnshire. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was from 3 to 8 p.m., Nov. 24 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to either her church or the American Cancer Society. Please

sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

BARBARA M. BABIKAN

Born: 1913
Died: Nov. 22, 2006

LAKE GENEVA, WIS.—Barbara M. Babikan, age 93 of Lake Geneva, Wis., died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006. She was born in Chicago in 1913.

Survivors include her children, Ken (Rosemary) Babikan, Robert W. (Wilma) Babikan, and the late William (Susan) Babikan; her 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, Robert A. Babikan preceded her in death.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held at 10 a.m., Nov. 29, at St. Gilbert Catholic Church, in Grayslake. Interment followed at Our Lady of Sorrows in Hillside. Friends of the family visited from 4 to 9 p.m., Nov. 29 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 208 S LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

GLORIA A. HOTSINPILLER

Born: March 9, 1934
Died: Nov. 19, 2006

Was a giving person, a loving mother, wife, and grandmother.

ROUND LAKE BEACH—Gloria A. Hotsinpiller, age 72 of Round Lake Beach, passed away Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born March 9, 1934 in Chicago to the late Joseph and Adeline Wronski.

Survivors include her children, Gary Hotsinpiller and Connie Helfer; and her grandchildren Brittany and Kim Helfer. Her husband Arthur and aforementioned parents precede her in death.

A memorial service was held at 4 p.m., on Nov. 22, at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m., on Nov. 27 at the funeral chapel. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

Libertyville. She was born Sept. 24, 1953 in Waukegan to the late John and Helene Murphy.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Lee Morley; her children Jason Morley, Clint (Michelle) Morley, Carrie Anne (Jimmy) Costas, and Brett (Melissa) Morley; her grandchildren Skyler, Tayler, and Cade Morley; her siblings; her niece; her nephews; her special friend Jackie Uppling; and many friends and relatives. Her aforementioned parents precede her in death.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Nov. 28 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m., on Nov. 27 at the funeral chapel. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

LEIF 'SWEDE' LARSEN

Born: May 10, 1925
Died: Nov. 20, 2006



ANTIOCH—Leif "Swede" Larsen, age 81 of Antioch, passed

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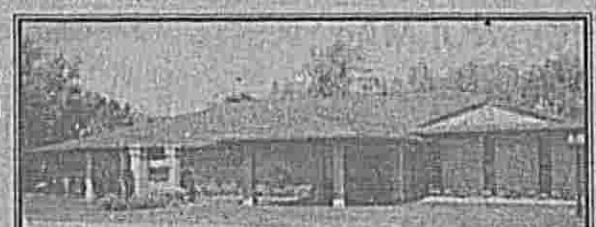
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away peacefully on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006 at Rolling Hills Manor, Zion after waging a battle with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's for the past two years. He was born May 10, 1925 in Chicago, the son of the late Leif and Margaret (Fugelseth) Larsen. He served as a submariner in the US Navy serving aboard the USS Remora during WW II and was a member of the VFW Post 4308 of Lake Villa, and the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Club. On Jan. 22, 1949 he married Rosemary Slazes in Chicago.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 57 years, Rose; his children, David of Antioch, Constance (Steve) Ruperd of Antioch, Mark (Linda) of Antioch, Richard (Christine) of Lake Villa and Keith (Susan) of Antioch; his five grandchildren; his brother, numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Visitation was held on Nov. 24, from 4 to 8 p.m., with prayer services at 6 p.m., and VFW Services with Military Honors followed at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Route 83). Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch Rescue Squad, Antioch Fire Department or the Lake Villa Fire Department in his memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

PATRICIA NORMA LEWIS

Born: Feb. 28, 1939
Died: Nov. 17, 2006
Was an avid jigsaw puzzle player and enjoyed knitting

TWIN LAKES, WIS.—Patricia Norma Lewis, age 67, of Twin Lakes, Wis., died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 at Burlington Memorial Hospital, in Burlington, Wis. She was born in Evanston to Joseph and Margaret Leider. On April 23, 1960, she married Kenneth Lee Lewis at St. Paul's Church in Evanson.

Survivors include her husband Kenneth of 46 years; two children, Patricia (James) Summers of Round Lake Park, Jimmy (Mary) Lewis of Glenview; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Sandra; and two brothers.

Friends met the family on Nov. 26, from 5 until the 7 p.m. funeral service at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home, 222 N. Rosedale Ct., (at Cedar Lake Rd) Round Lake, with The Rev. Thomas Curry officiating. Memorials to the American Lung Association, 1749 S. Naperville Rd., Suite 202, Wheaton, IL 60187, would be appreciated by the family. Please sign the

Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MYRON DALE TOLLEFSON

Born: March 6, 1931
Died: Nov. 17, 2006
Was an avid aviation enthusiast and enjoyed boating



ROUND LAKE—Myron Dale Tollefson, age 75, of Round Lake, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 at, Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born March 6, 1931 in Watford City, N.D., to George and Esther (Landers) Tollefson. On Nov. 19, 1950 he married Agnes C. Heimbecher at Our Saviors Church in Denver, Colo. Formerly of Colorado, Myron and his family moved to Buffalo Grove in 1966. In 1973 they moved to Northbrook where they lived until relocating to the Round Lake area in 1996. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War as a drill sergeant. While in Colorado Myron was a general contractor, he owned and operated the Tollefson Construction Company. In 1966 Paddock Pool Company offered him a district area representative position and from 1966 to 2003 he traveled a 13 state region. He was an avid aviation enthusiast and enjoyed boating. He was a member of the American Legion Post 1170 of Round Lake and the Sons of Norway in which he held several leadership roles.

Survivors include his wife Agnes of 56 years; three children, Myron "Mike" (Mary) Tollefson of Grayslake, Tona (Erik) Dove of Minneapolis, Minn., Toby (Siw-Lena) Tollefson of Oslo, Norway; nine grandchildren, Eric Tollefson, Amy (Chris) Paulus, Neal and Craig Tollefson, Siri and Adin Dove, Tor-Kristian, Andreas and Kristin Tollefson, great-grandchild, Lilyanna. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was from 1 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 24, at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 4 p.m. on Nov. 24, at the funeral home, with The Rev. David Patterson officiating. Memorial to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 25519 W. Hwy 134 Ingleside, IL 60041, would be appreciated. For information call the funeral home at 847-546-3300. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.iustcnlh.com Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

JOSEPH JEZOWSKI

Born: March 8, 1949
Died: Nov. 17, 2006
Loved music and entertaining

LONG GROVE—Joseph Jezowski, age 57 of Long Grove, passed away on Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 at his home. He was born in Germany, came to live in the U.S.A. as a child and was raised in Skokie.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly Jezowski; his daughter, Christine (David) Hiller of McHenry; two stepsons, Jeff (Susy) Fite of Mundelein and Wayne (Gena) Fite of Elmhurst; six grandchildren; his mother, Ingeborg Jezowski of Skokie, and several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his father, Jozef Jezowski.

Visitation was from noon until the time of services at 1:30 p.m., Nov. 22 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

DANIEL R. BITTNER

Born: Nov. 18, 2006
Was a manager for Commonwealth Edison for 40 years

LIBERTYVILLE—Daniel R. Bittner, age 87, passed away Nov. 18, 2006 at his home at Spring Meadows in Libertyville.

Survivors include his wife, Adelade of Libertyville; three sons, David (Janice) Bittner of Silverthorne, Colo., Stephen (Diane) Bittner of Deerfield, and Edward (Kim) Bittner of Anahola, Hawaii; three brothers; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 1 p.m., Nov. 25 at St. Joseph Church in Libertyville. Interment was in Bradenton, Fla. Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, 2050 Pfingston Rd., 127, Glenview, IL 60025 in his memory. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

LUCILLE MAE MENHEER

Born: June 1, 1919
Died: Nov. 22, 2006
Loved animals, collecting dolls, flower gardening

LAKE VILLA—Lucille Mae Menheer, age 87 of Venetian Village, Lake Villa, passed away Wednesday Nov. 22, 2006 at her home. She was born June 1, 1919 in Elgin, the daughter

of the late Fred and Hazel Meiser, living in Huntley and Gurnee, before moving to Venetian Village in 1949. Lucille loved animals, collecting dolls, flower gardening, and going to garage sales and flea markets. She was a member of Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa. On Feb. 28, 1938 she married John T. Menheer and he preceded her in death on Dec 2, 1981.

Survivors are her children, John T. Menheer Jr. of Round Lake Beach, Margaret (Edward) Kurek of Randolph, N.Y., Joseph (Ginger) Menheer of Lake Villa and her son-in-law John Brown Jr. of Lindenhurst, 10 grandchildren, Pamela, Thomas, Deborah, Alice, Kevin, Sandra, Robert, Jeffrey, Erik and Kimberly, 12 great-grandchildren, Christy, Michelle, Jennifer, Jamie, Sidney, Erik, James, Kayla, Jacob, Tyler, Lauren and Ashley and one great-great-granddaughter, Emmy. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Brown.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Nov. 28, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Rte 83) Antioch. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Nov. 27. Interment was private at Highland Memorial Park, in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers donations may be made, in her memory to, Make a Wish Foundation, 640 N. LaSalle St, Suite 280, Chicago, IL 60610. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfli.com. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MICHAEL A. LYSTLUND

Born: Nov. 2, 1956
Died: Nov. 24, 2006
Worked at the family marina, Lystlund's Marina on Fox Lake

ANTIOCH—Michael A. Lystlund, age 50 of Antioch, passed away Friday, Nov. 24, 2006 at the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. He was born in Waukegan, Nov. 2, 1956, living his entire life in Antioch and was a graduate of Antioch High School in 1974. He received his Bachelor of Science from Southern Illinois University in 1989.

Michael spent his childhood and early adult life working at the family marina, Lystlund's Marina, on Fox Lake in Antioch and for 28 years was a valued employee of Abbott Laboratories.

Michael's family would like to express sincere gratitude to Drs. Wendell Richmond and John Paul O'Keefe for their inexhaustible dedication to his care over the years. He also would have wanted to send his love and appreciation to his "fan club" on the medical staff at Loyola.

Michael is survived by his wife of 25 years, Dianne; two daughters,

Jessica and Stefanie; beloved pets Hunter and Angel; one sister, Pamela (John) Idleburg, niece Jenessa and nephew, Brandon (Maia) Hoard and two brothers, George and James. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Elaine (Nielsen) Lystlund and his twin brother, David.

Friends and family gathered, Nov. 28 at 4 p.m., until the time of services at 7 p.m. at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Michael's memory can be made to the Open Arms Mission, P.O. Box 79, Antioch, IL 60002 or the Immune Deficiency Foundation, P.O. Box 728695, Baltimore, MD 21275. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfli.com. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

WILLIAM B. ELFERS

Born: Jan. 13, 1927
Died: Nov. 21, 2006
Served in the U.S. Army during WWII



SILVER LAKE, WIS.—William B. Elfers, age 79 of Silver Lake, Wis., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006 at the Aurora Medical Center in Kenosha, Wis. He was born Jan. 13, 1927 in Randall Township, Kenosha County, Wis., the son of the late David G. and Emma (Schenning) Elfers and has been a life long resident of the area. He attended Salem Grade School, Lincoln Grade School in Burlington and Wilmot High School.

Bill served in the U. S. Army during WW II, and was a life member and Past Commander of the VFW Post 8375 and also a member of the American Legion Post 293 both in Silver Lake. He also had served on the Silver Lake Village Board to 1989. He retired as a supervisor for the Kenosha Highway Department where he worked for 39 years. On Aug. 26, 1950 he married Elizabeth A. Gregory in Antioch, and she preceded him in death on April 21, 2002.

Survivors are two sons, Joseph and Kurt (Kathleen) and a grandson David, all of Silver Lake, Wis.; a sister Ruth Hein of Kenosha, Wis.; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife he was preceded in death by two brothers Elmer and Earl and a sister, Norma Fleming.

The Funeral service was held at 10 a.m., on Nov. 27, at the Strang Funeral Home, 1055 Main St. (Rte 83) Antioch, with Pastor Eric Silberschmidt of Christ Lutheran Church, Paddock Lake, Wis., officiating. Interment was in Salem Mound Cemetery in Silver Lake. Visitation

was at the funeral home from 2 to 6 p.m., Nov. 26, with VFW and American Legion Poppy services at 4 p.m. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfh.com. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

JUNIOR OWEN JONES

Born: July 4, 1926
Died: Nov. 17, 2006
Served in the U.S. Navy



ROUND LAKE—Junior Owen Jones, age 80 of Round Lake, passed away Friday Nov. 17, 2006 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born July 4, 1926 in Higbee, Mo., the son of the late Henry and Pearl (Steinberg) Jones. He served in the U.S. Navy and moved to this area in 1954 where he was a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Junk worked for International Harvester as a painter's helper, painter, and high lift driver and was a member of the UAW Union. On July 12, 1980, he married Veronica Henderson in Round Lake and she preceded him in death on Nov. 27, 1999.

Survivors are his children, James O. Jones, Mary Ellen Aliner, Jay L. Jones and Jeffery A. Jones, a stepson Herbert A. (Linda) Henderson and a stepdaughter Joan Rinaldi; a sister Ollie Bufton and a brother James S. (Alice) Jones and many grandchildren. In addition to his wife he was preceded in death by two brothers George and William Jones.

Funeral services and interment of his cremains will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at Mt. Olive Cemetery, 3800 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Round Lake Fire Department, in his memory. Arrangements are entrusted to the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ALICE L. LARSEN

Born: Sept. 23, 1914
Died: Nov. 21, 2006
Worked for several years at Jewel Foods in Fox Lake

LIBERTYVILLE—Alice L. Larsen, age 92 of Libertyville, formerly of Cedar Village, Lake Villa, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006 at the Winchester House in Libertyville. She was born Sept. 23, 1914 in Lake Villa, the daughter of the late Joseph and

Jenny (Hielkama) Koelstra. She had lived in Florida for some time before moving back to Lake Villa. Alice worked for several years as a checker for Jewel Foods in Fox Lake and Zion before her retirement. On Feb. 2, 1936, she married Herbert H. Larsen in Waukegan, and he preceded her in death in 1984.

Survivors are three grandchildren, Linda (Danny) Michelau and James and Thomas McFeely and four great grandchildren, Lauren, Lacey, Rochelle and Dakota. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by a son Larry Larsen and a daughter Carol McFeely and two sisters, Tessie Brownlee and Grace Englund.

The funeral service was held at 5 p.m., Nov. 26, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St (Rte 83), and visitation began at 2 p.m. Private interment of her cremains was in North Shore Garden of Memories, in North Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, in her memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

RAYMOND J. BOURBON

Born: Aug. 2, 1924
Died: Nov. 23, 2006
Served in the U.S. Army Air Corp.



FOX LAKE—Raymond J. Bourbon, age 82 of Leisure Village, Fox Lake and of North Fort Myers, Fla., for the past 15 years, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born Aug. 2, 1924 in Chicago, to Raymond and Genevieve (nee Leonard) Bourbon and was a retired engineer of Illinois Bell Telephone Co. after 37 years of employment. Ray was a Veteran of WWII having served in the U.S. Army Air Corp., and had been a "Radarman" for the 452nd Bomb Squadron in England during his army service; a member of the Fox Lake Lions Club of which he was past president, officer and had also held many other positions; member of Lakes Region American Legion Post 703; former member of the Village of Fox Lake Building and Zoning committee; and member of the Illinois Bell Telephone Pioneers.

In Fort Meyers, Fla., Ray was a member of N. Fort Meyers VFW Post 10127; and member of the "Pioneer Village Fun Band of N. Fort Meyers." He was very active enjoying dancing, traveling, boating, judo and most loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife: Lorraine "Lori" Bourbon of Fox Lake with whom he was united to in marriage on June 23, 1992 in Northfield. His children: Sheryl (Rich) Herr of Spring Grove, Scott Bourbon of Genoa City, Wis., Patty (Len) Swiderski of Richmond, Daniel (Deborah) Stegeman of McHenry and Patti (the late Tony) Culotta of Fox Lake; grandchildren, Brett McClary of California, Tony Culotta of Arizona, Todd Culotta of Texas and Tim Culotta of Wisconsin, Benjamin (Tina) Bourbon of Fox Lake, Jasmine Bourbon of Round Lake, Kevin Grooms of Spring Grove, Jason (Melissa) Grooms of Spring Grove, Traci (Gene) Brown of Spring Grove, Joe Swiderski of Richmond, Scott Swiderski of Twin Lakes, Wis., Jason (Becky) Carter of Colorado and Jo Lynn (Casey) Meirovitz of Utah; and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his wife, Norma Bourbon in 1989.

Visitation was held on Nov. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m., at K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake), with funeral service at 11 a.m., on Nov. 27 with Deacon Larry Spohr officiating at the funeral home. Burial followed at Grant Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials for the Seasons Hospice, 606 Potter Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016 or the American Legion Post 703, 213 Riverside Island Dr., Fox Lake, IL 60020, would be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

SHIRLEY MAE KOCH

Born: Oct. 20, 1928
Died: Nov. 21, 2006
Was a member of the community Protestant Church in Mundelein

VERNON HILLS—Shirley Mae Koch, age 78 of Vernon Hills, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006 at her home. Shirley was a member of the Community Protestant church in Mundelein and the Vernon Hills Seniors.

Surviving are three sons, Thomas (Jean) Koch of Tallahassee, Fla., John Koch of Middleburg, Fla. and Susan (Jerry) Brizzi of Oregon, Ill.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Helen Kaske; by her husband, Theodore Koch in 1973 and by her brother.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Nov. 27 at the Community

Protestant Church in Mundelein.

Memorial contributions can be made to Guardian Angel Basset Rescue, Inc., 108 E. Main St., P.O. Box 288, Dwight, IL 60420. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

the Rev. Don Lund officiating. Entombment was in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Libertyville. Memorials to St. Joseph Church, would be appreciated by the family. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

PHYLLIS S. STATELER

(nee VESS)

Born: May 8, 1954
Died: Nov. 22, 2006
Enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading, arts and crafts

LIBERTYVILLE—Phyllis S. Stateler (nee Vess), a former resident of Libertyville, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006 at Hospice Care Inc. in Madison, Wis.

Surviving are her son, Mark (Tara) Stateler of Davenport, Iowa; her mother, Susan Swanson of Dixon; her sister; brothers and many other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Norbert Vess and also by her stepfather Jack Swanson.

Visitation was from 1 p.m. until the time of a memorial service at 2:30 p.m., Nov. 28 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Care Inc., 5395 E. Cheryl Pky., Madison, Wis. 53711. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

NORMA L. GEDULDIG

Born: Jan. 16, 1933
Died: Nov. 25, 2006
Born in Bonnie, Ill.

ROUND LAKE BEACH—Norma L. Geduldig, age 73 of Round Lake Beach, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006 at her home. She was born in Bonnie, on Jan. 16, 1933 to Kenneth and Ada Schwenninger.

Survivors include her children, Tamara (Joe) Sheffer of Round Lake Beach and Mark Geduldig of Park City; her granddaughter, Kristen of Round Lake Beach; and her sisters. Her husband, James W. Geduldig; two brothers; and her parents precede her in death.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., on Nov. 30 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, 410 E Belvidere Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030. Interment followed at Windridge Cemetery in Cary. Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m., on Nov. 29. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ROSEMARY MATOUSEK

Born: Jan. 13, 1918
Died: Nov. 21, 2006
Was a member of the Libertyville Presbyterian seniors

LIBERTYVILLE—Rosemary Matousek, age 88 of Libertyville, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006 at the Condell Medical Center. She was a former employee of Foulds Inc. in Libertyville.

Surviving are her brother, Leslie Dietz of Libertyville; her nephews, Daniel (Karen) Dietz and Fritz (Linda) Dietz; her niece, Leslie Ann (Richard) Jaeger and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Isabelle (nee Ullrich) Dietz; by her husband, James Matousek; her brother, Francis Dietz; a sister, Dolores Morris; and a niece, Sandra Thatcher.

Visitation was from noon, until the time of funeral services at 2 p.m., Nov. 25, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Lakeside Cemetery Renovation fund, P.O. Box 500, Libertyville, IL 60048.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

NEXTEL CUP SERIES

Where: Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N.Y.
When: Friday, Dec. 1
Overview: Jimmie Johnson finally captured the championship that had eluded him during the first two years of the Chase for the NEXTEL Cup. Johnson, who fell only eight points shy of the championship in 2004, finished up this time 56 points ahead of 2003 champion Matt Kenseth. The season's top rookie, Denny Hamlin, finished third in the final standings. This banquet will crown Johnson, but it will honor all the other drivers — Kenseth, Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Gordon, Jeff Burton, Kasey Kahne, Mark Martin and Kyle Busch — who qualified for

the Chase. The banquet is also a showcase for owners, mechanics, officials and, yes, corporate America, which is the principal reason why it's held in New York. Kenseth had the points lead at regular season's end but faded badly in the final six races. What won the title for Johnson? Remarkable consistency in Chase races five through nine. In those races, he won once and finished second in the other four. In the final race, Johnson finished ninth, but it enabled him to nail down the title without having to fret over the season's final laps.

BUSCH SERIES

Awards Ceremony
Where: Disney's Grand Floridian Resort, Orlando, Fla.
When: Friday, Dec. 8
Overview: Kevin Harvick's margin, 824 points, was the widest in the history of this or any other major series. The moonlighting NEXTEL Cup driver won nine races and finished in the top 10 in 32 of the season's 35 races. Only two of the top 10 drivers competed in the Busch Series only.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

Awards Ceremony
Where: Disney's Grand Floridian Resort, Orlando, Fla.
When: Sunday, Dec. 10
Overview: Todd Bodine underscored Toyota's growing domination of the trucks, which makes the timing perfect for the Japanese manufacturer's entry into NASCAR's top series. The top four drivers — Bodine, Johnny Benson, David Reutimann and David Starr — all drove Tundras.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Kevin Harvick won the Busch Series title this year, but says he'll concentrate solely on NEXTEL Cup next season.

TOP 10 IN POINTS

NEXTEL CUP

1. Jimmie Johnson	6,475
2. Matt Kenseth	56
3. Denny Hamlin*	68
4. Kevin Harvick	78
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	147
6. Jeff Gordon	219
7. Jeff Burton	247
8. Kasey Kahne	292
9. Mark Martin	307
10. Kyle Busch	448

BUSCH SERIES

1. Kevin Harvick	5,648
2. Carl Edwards	824
3. Clint Bowyer	965
4. Denny Hamlin	981
5. J.J. Yeley	1,161
6. Paul Menard	1,573
7. Kyle Busch	1,727
8. Johnny Sauter	1,854
9. Greg Biffle	1,859
10. Reed Sorenson	1,978

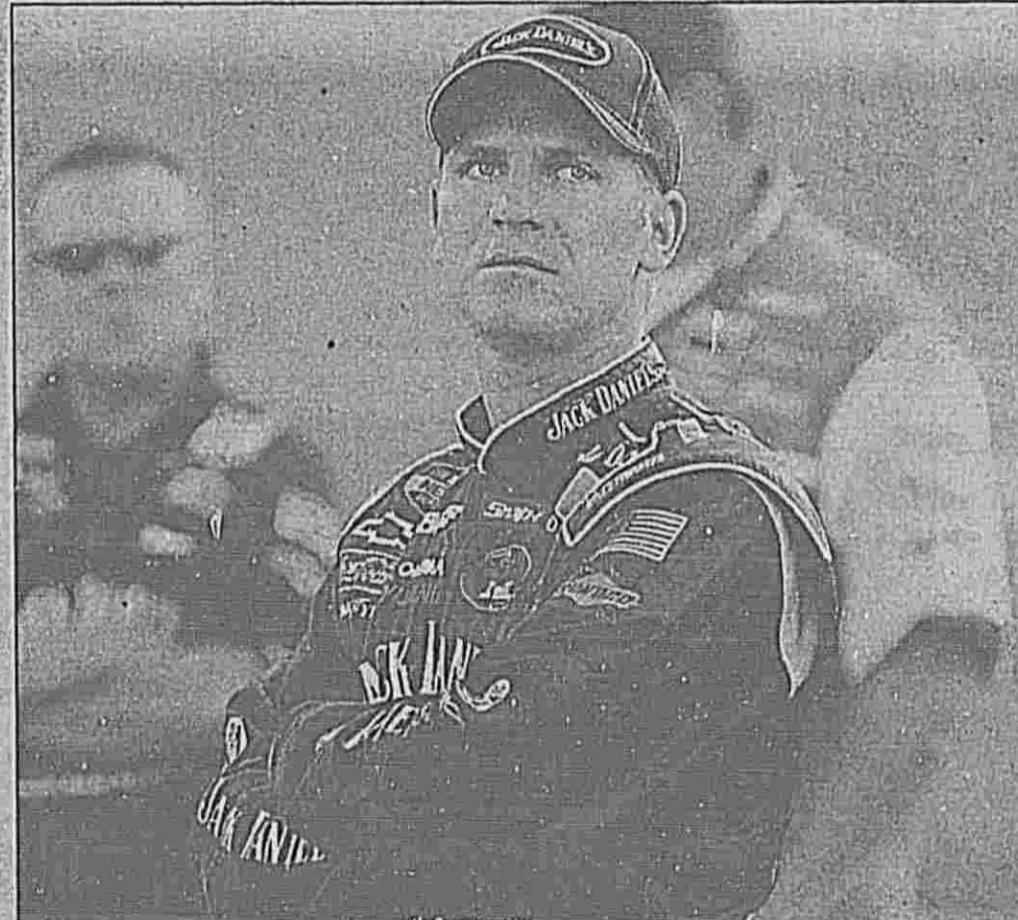
CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

1. Todd Bodine	3,666
2. Johnny Benson	127
3. David Reutimann	136
4. David Starr	311
5. Jack Sprague	338
6. Ted Musgrave	352
7. Ron Hornaday	353
8. Terry Cook	401
9. Rick Crawford	414
10. Mike Skinner	447

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

► **Who's hot** — The Busch Series could be hot again. Early indications are that the domination of Busch races by NEXTEL Cup drivers won't be quite as overwhelming next season. Most of the drivers who competed full time in both series have announced they won't do so again. One of them is Kevin Harvick, who won the championship by the largest margin in history.

► **Who's not** — Bob Jenkins, who anchored the old ESPN telecasts, brought a professionalism that hasn't been seen before or since. Unfortunately, he won't be in the booth when ESPN returns.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Clint Bowyer finished third in the Busch Series standings this season.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Petty-Beauchamp rivalry one of racing's earliest

It's well known that Lee Petty and Johnny Beauchamp finished 1-2 in the first Daytona 500, with Beauchamp originally declared the winner in a side-by-side finish that was overturned later when photos clearly showed that Petty's car had crossed the line first. In that same year, 1959, the final two major NASCAR races were run at Lakewood Speedway, the mile dirt track in Atlanta that had been one of the sport's more popular venues. Beauchamp, in a Thunderbird, won the first on March 22, 1959, and Petty, in a Plymouth, won the final race on June 14 of that year. The first race marked the first of two career victories for Beauchamp, who was from Harlan, Iowa. For Petty, it was the 42nd of 54 career wins and one of 11 in the 1959 season alone.

Johnson's goal: Learn to master road courses

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

Jimmie Johnson was recently reminded that, after winning the 2005 championship, Tony Stewart listed a Daytona 500 victory as his chief remaining goal. He won it in 2006.

When asked a similar question, Johnson said he wanted to win on a road course.

"A personal goal that I have is to get better on the road courses," he said. "I can run fair, run in the top five, top 10, but I really want to be up there racing with the '20' (Stewart) and '24' (Jeff Gordon) for those

NUTS AND BOLTS

victories.

"As I look into next season, the race tracks that we have ahead of us, that's something I really want to focus on."

Field of 21 — The Budweiser Shootout, scheduled to be run for the 29th time at Daytona on the night of Feb. 10, 2007, will boast a starting field of 21 drivers.

The field for the first of two NEXTEL Cup Series all-star races — the other is the NEXTEL

All-Star Challenge at Lowe's Motor Speedway on May 19 — features the previous season's pole winners and past Budweiser Shootout winners.

Those who won poles in 2006 were Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin, Brian Vickers, David Gilliland, Kevin Harvick, Jeff Burton, Kurt Busch, Greg Biffle, Kasey Kahne, Kyle Busch, Elliott Sadler, Scott Riggs, Ryan Newman and Boris Said.

Eligible as past winners of the Shootout are Dale Jarrett, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, Mark Martin, Ken Schrader and Bill Elliott.

Hamlin became the first rookie to win the race last year, leading 16 of the final 21 laps and holding off Earnhardt Jr. and Stewart in a "green-white-checkered" (overtime) finish.

Lifetime achievement — Benny Parsons, the 1973 Winston Cup champion and NBC analyst, will receive the Achievement in Motorsports Award from the North Carolina Motorsports Association at its banquet on Jan. 30, 2007, in Concord.

Parsons, who underwent treatment for lung cancer during 2006, will receive the lifetime-achievement award from the NCMA, which will also hand out awards in the categories of education, diversity, marketing, economic development, safety innovations, event facilities and "manufacturers and suppliers."

The NCMA, headed by executive director Andy Papathanasiou, touts itself as "the voice of the motorsports industry in North Carolina." Richard Petty and Rick Hendrick are on the group's board of trustees.

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BOYS BASKETBALL: MUNDELEIN TOURNAMENT

Brown's free throw lifts RL

Mundelein rolls to 3-0 start to season

By STEVE PETERSON
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MUNDELEIN — Jerome Brown has seen a lot of time with the Round Lake varsity boys basketball team, and he knows individual expectations are higher with each season.

Brown hopes some of his personal success can add to team success, and with the way Brown and the Panthers played against Barrington, perhaps this notion is carrying throughout the squad.

The junior, in his third year on the varsity, scored 13 points, the most important of which was a free throw with 4.3 seconds left, as Round Lake edged Barrington, 51-50, in the Mundelein Thanksgiving Tournament.

Other than giving Round Lake (1-2) its first win of the season, it also gave Panthers coach Jamie Fisher his first victory as a varsity head.

With the team's first win riding on a clutch free throw, Fisher thought the team's fate rested on capable hands.

"I was glad that Jerome was on the line," Fisher said. "He is a pretty good free-throw shooter."

Brown wasn't the only Round Lake player to put up a good game. Joe Diaz scored 12 points and Jaquan Glover added 11.

"I just thought of it as practice," Brown said of his game-winning charity shot. "We work on free throws a lot in practice. If we miss in practice, we have to run."

Fischer said the team played well in other tournament losses. In Round Lake's previous 73-45 loss to Loyola, Brown again was a force, putting up 18 points, while Glover scored 17.

Despite the duo's best efforts, the Panthers dropped to 0-2 with that loss before bouncing back against Barrington.

Mundelein 82, Carmel 48: The host Mustangs started out the winter season on a nice note with wins against Barrington, Prairie Ridge and Carmel to start out the season at 3-0. In the Carmel game, Mundelein rode the momentum from an 18-0 second-quarter run to cruise to the 34-point win against the Corsairs.

Yale-bound small forward Raffi Mantilla led the way with 17 points, while Pat Barron (12 points), Eric Pagsanjan (11 points) and Mike Skinner (10 points) all hit double digits in the big win.

The Mustangs' defense forced Carmel into 33 turnovers.

Pat Bender led Carmel (1-2) with 13 points.



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Round Lake's Jaquan Glover (left) drives for a layup during the Mustang Thanksgiving Tournament. Round Lake defeated Barrington, 51-50, last Saturday.

BOYS BASKETBALL: JOHNSBURG TOURNAMENT

Grant corrals crown

Late free throw secures win against Wauconda

By STEVE PETERSON
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JOHNSBURG — Grant's boys basketball players could get used to this.

There was coach Phil Ralston holding the ladder as players, one by one, snipped a piece of the net at Johnsburg High School.

The occasion was Grant's 55-54 win against Wauconda in the title game of the Johnsburg Tournament.

Senior Jeremy Sherrick scored 27 points and was named the tournament MVP. Teammate Curtis Oler tallied five three-pointers for all 15 of his points on 5-of-7 shooting.

With their powers combined, the Bulldogs captured the close win and the Johnsburg Tournament title. However, the win goes beyond the tournament and into the program's history.

"This is the first time a Grant team has been 4-0 since the 1950s," Ralston said. "We're disappointed in how we played in the title game, but to not play your best and still win is the mark of a great team. Give Wauconda a lot of credit. They came back from two 10-point deficits."

It took a Sherrick free throw with 1.5 seconds remaining to give the Bulldogs the win and the tournament title.

Despite the Bulldogs sending a slew of players at the 6-foot-5 Sherrick, Wauconda could not stop the Grant senior and Round Lake transfer.

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Lakes' Mandy Schellinger grabs the rebound during the Skyhawk/Mustang Thanksgiving Tournament game against Antioch at Johnsburg High School.

• Hometown Sports

Area soccer players shine at Augustana

Former Grayslake Central Ram Kendall Dohm didn't take too long to make an impression with the Augustana women's soccer team. As it turns out, neither did former Libertyville Wildcat Michael Dolan.

In just her freshman season, forward

Dohm scored two goals on the season. Dohm and the Vikings put together a 15-3-3 season, including a 5-0-2 mark in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin. The season placed them at second in the CCIW standings, behind only the 24-2 Wheaton College Thunder.

On the men's side, Dolan started off his freshman season at goalkeeper, preserving three straight 1-0 wins, leading

to Augustana's 12th straight winning season.

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Former Warren swimmers tearing up Augustana's pools

Former Grayslake resident and

Warren boys swimming star Sean Stanley will be part of Augustana College's impressive sprinting swim team. Stanley won his first letter last season while competing with the Vikings.

On the girls side, another Warren swimmer, Stephanie Leafblad, will be competing with Augustana in the individual medley. Leafblad lettered last season as a freshman.

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On the Sidelines

Local athletes offer insightful perspective

Another Turkey Day has come and gone, and while the Bears certainly didn't give us much to feast on, other than the bitter taste of uncertainty, our area certainly had its fair share of delectable sports.

From basketball, to gymnastics, to wrestling, to even bowling, the winter sports season is in full swing, even when the temperatures were averaging in the 60s.

Regardless of whether or not I'm ready for it, there already has been some great winter sports in the young season. But more importantly, the athletes involved have given us entertaining contests without any of the "baggage" that sports carry today.

By baggage, I mean the unsportsmanlike conduct that has become commonplace in the professional leagues. Let me be the first, or probably the thousandth, to say that it's nice to see that the T.O. Age has not trickled down to our area.

Maybe the 44-34 score doesn't really jump out as a truly competitive game, but Mundelein and Carmel clashing in last week's basketball tournament is another good contest in a great crosstown rivalry. What I enjoy the most about the games between these two teams is the mutual respect the coaches instill in their players.

In today's sports world, too often you will see rivalries get out of hand and move beyond the boundaries of sportsmanship. Regardless of whether it's at the pro level, college, or prep, many times you will see petty fights arise on the playing field simply because two teams come from the same area.

During the football season, one of the most electrifying



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atmospheres was at the Mundelein-Carmel game, despite a 49-6 final score. While there certainly was some trash talking between the two teams, there also was an air of mutual respect, and that is always refreshing to see.

Sure, these two schools might share the same zip code, but "rivalry" does not have to be synonymous with "immaturity." From what I've seen, the kids suiting up in varsity uniforms around here are a lot more mature than many NFL wide receivers 10 years their elder.

Now that I've gotten off my soap box, I would like to give a shout out to the centers who helped out in last week's basketball magazine feature, "Anatomy of a Center." Both girls, Warren's Sarah Boothe and Grant's Becka Gonyo, have begun the 2006-07 season on a tear.

In the New Trier tournament, Boothe scored 15 points, grabbed nine boards and blocked four shots – about what all of us sportswriter types expected from her. She's already been contacted by a number of D-I college coaches, and if she keeps this play up, there will be many more.

Gonyo, after losing her junior season to illness last year, has come back with a vengeance, dropping 16 points against Elgin and hauling in 13 boards against Deerfield.

On the boys side, Carmel's Robert Brodarick and fellow 6-foot-8 teammate Matt Eckhart made quite the tandem, notching 23 points and nine rebounds in a close 55-51 win against Round Lake.

Boothe, Gonyo and Brodarick were infinitely helpful to me portraying their basketball insight, and judging by their recent performances, all three have shown they can definitely do more than just talk about basketball.

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SPORTS

Grant's post game bounces Wauconda

• CROWN

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"Getting it to the post has been our bread and butter," Ralston said. "A lot of our offense goes through Shedrick."

Wauconda had only a five-point deficit at halftime, but fell behind, 41-32, in the third quarter after a Shedrick basket gave him 25 points.

But the Bulldogs plugged away again, with Grant leading by five at the start of the fourth quarter. Mike McCleish (14 points) and Steve Bilisko (21 points) fueled Wauconda's comeback.

Two free throws by Bilisko cut Grant's lead to two points with 6 minutes remaining. Then two more free throws from Bilisko cut Grant's lead to 53-52 with 1:55 left.

Bilisko's aggressive play brought Wauconda to a 54-all tie with 3 seconds left. But a Shedrick free throw fended off Wauconda's charge.

In other games, Grant beat Marian Central, 60-54, behind 19 points from Shields and 13 from Grischaeu. Wauconda won its opener, 52-34, against Harvard, as Bilisko had 17 and Mike Sheffield scored 11.

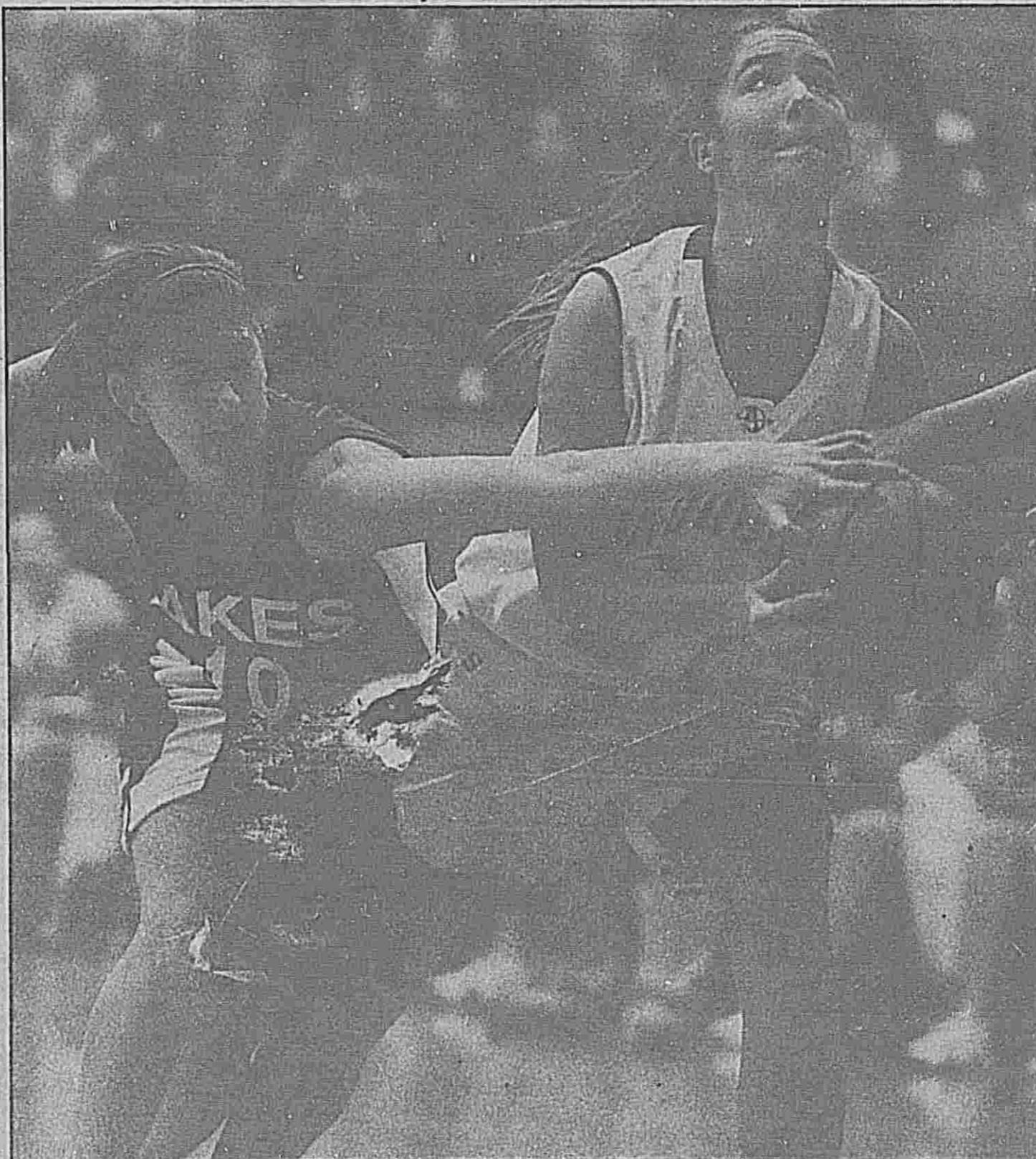
Grant 53, Johnsburg 38: On the way to the tournament title, Mike Shields and Oler led Grant with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Grischaeu and Shedrick combined for 16 points.

Johnsburg's young team was led by C.J. Fiedorowicz's 10 points.

Grant's 17-point victory was a major turnaround from the last few years of the Bulldogs-Skyhawks rivalry. The last time Grant won against Johnsburg was 2002. Last season, the Skyhawks had an undefeated season, until getting knocked out by Warren in the sectional final.

"We hope that they will gain experience from this and hope that their confidence would not be damaged," Johnsburg coach Ed Sennett said. "Our 30-2 team and last year's team started that way."

Sequoits net first 'W'



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Lakes' Nora Kenney (left) tries to strip the ball from Antioch's Christine Gaborek during the Skyhawk/Mustang Thanksgiving Tournament at Johnsburg High School. Antioch defeated Lakes, 54-38.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: MUNDELEIN TOURNAMENT

Corsairs falter down stretch

Carmel graduate Eckhart transfers to Northwestern

By STEVE PETERSON

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MUNDELEIN — No game is over until the last second ticks off the clock.

Carmel's girls basketball team learned that the hard way as the Corsairs blew a seven-point lead with 1:30 left in a 54-52 loss at the hands of Prairie Ridge.

Despite 18 points from sophomore Tiffany Hendrickson, Carmel could not overcome intense pressure from Prairie Ridge in the Johnsburg

Mundelein Tournament game.

Hendrickson sank two free throws for a 50-48 lead with 1:30 left, but Prairie Ridge used a press defense to ignite an 8-2 run in the closing 90 seconds of regulation.

"Early in the year, it is about learning," Carmel coach John Ryan said. "We did a lot of good things this game, except we could not handle their pressure."

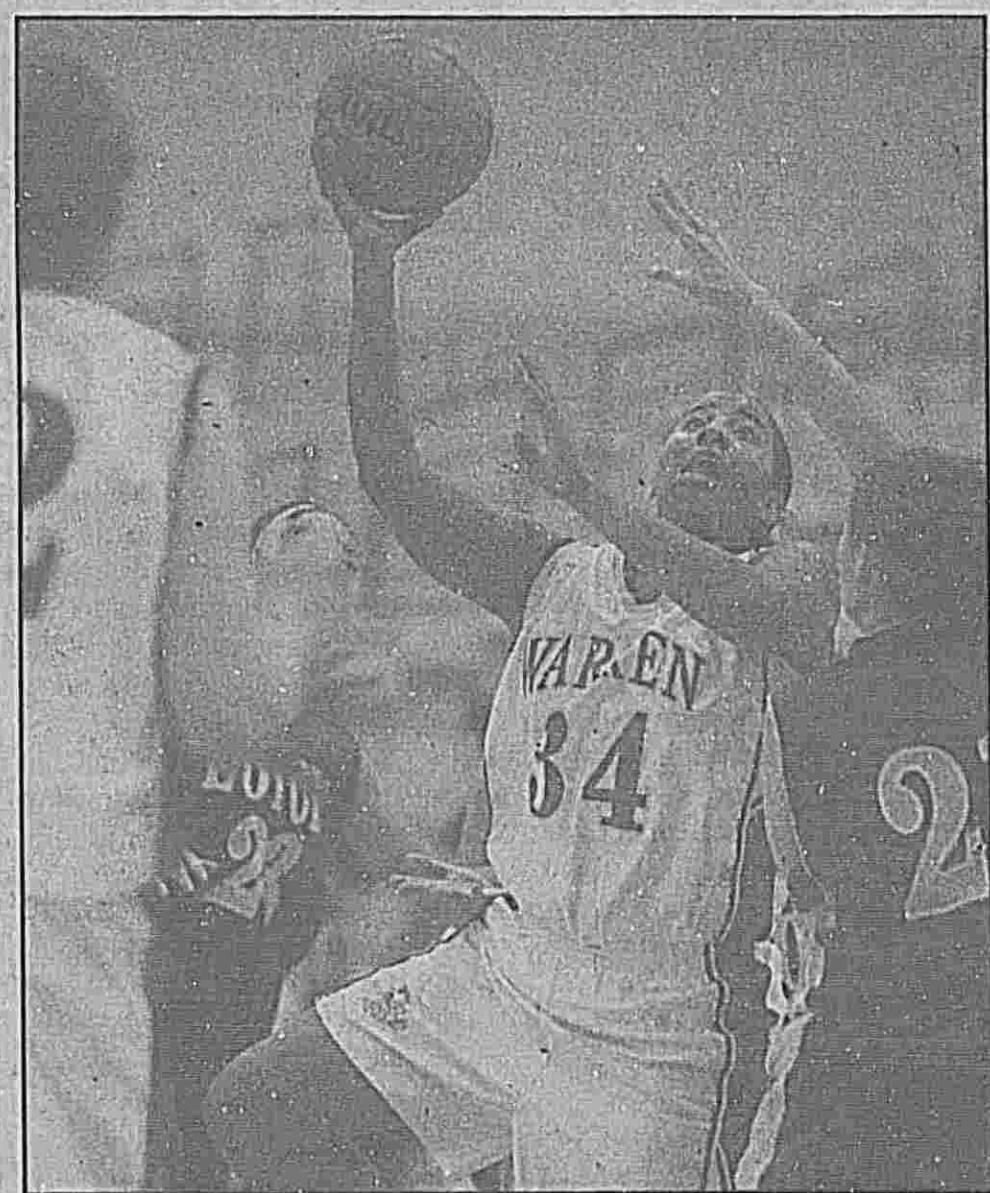
Sophomore Lauren Lehocky had seven points for Carmel.

• In other Carmel girls bas-

ketball news, former Corsairs standout Jenny Eckhart has signed a national letter of intent to transfer from Syracuse University to Northwestern University.

Eckhart's decision comes on the heels of a coaching change at Syracuse. With the resignation of former coach Keith Cieplicki, Orange assistant coach and recruiting coordinator Quentin Hillsman was promoted to the head coaching position.

In her freshman season with the Orange, Eckhart scored 267 points.



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Warren's Deanna Payne goes up for a shot against Loyola Academy. Host Warren won the game, 44-26.

GIRLS BASKETBALL:
WARREN THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT

Warren splits tourney games

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

Battles between ranked teams are always sights to behold, and last week's girls basketball matchup between the Warren Blue Devils and New Trier Trevians could give basketball fans an insight of things to come in the tournament.

Warren was forced to play catch-up as New Trier bolted out to an 11-point advantage at half time. The Blue Devils did not give up without a fight as Warren fought to tie the game with just over two minutes left in the contest. But, clutch free throw shooting on New Trier's part led to the close six-point Warren loss.

Blue Devils guard Melanie Duplessis was impressive in the game, scoring 22 points, grabbing six boards and handing

out five assists in the tough loss.

Warren center Sarah Boothe added 16 points and nine rebounds, but despite the duo's best efforts, Warren was forced to settle for the close loss to drop to an even 2-2 on the season.

Warren 44, Loyola 26: Before dropping the tough matchup to New Trier, the Blue Devils were on the right track with an 18-point victory against Loyola.

Boothe and Duplessis traded top scoring duties as Boothe led the way with 15 points, nine rebounds and four blocks, while Duplessis added 10 points of her own in the win.

Warren led right out of the gates, scoring a 15-10 lead after the first quarter and extending Loyola's deficit to 12 points with a 27-15 advantage at halftime.

From there, the Blue Devils never looked back for the easy New Trier tournament win.

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BOYS ROUNDUP

Antioch hoops drops third game in a row

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

Highland Park's **Chris Wroblewski** and **Zack Meuser** scored 22 and 20 points, respectively to hand Antioch its third straight loss in the young season in boys basketball action.

Andre Sobalvarro led the way for the Sequoits, scoring 19 points, while **Brett McKenzie** chipped in 12 and **Trevor Popp** finished with 10, but it wasn't enough for Antioch to get the win.

Stevenson Invitational

Varsity A Pool Scores

1. Scaumburg, 4,884
2. Fremd, 4,553
3. Hoffman Estates, 4,449
4. Palatine, 4,365
5. Grant, 4,311
6. Warren, 4,278
7. Vernon Hills, 4,252
8. Lake Park, 4,236
9. Stevenson, 4,138

BOWLING

Stevenson Invitational: Vernon Hills' **Brooke Abderholden** was the lone bowler in the Lake County Journals' coverage area to make the individual finals of the Stevenson Invitational, rolling a 965 series.

Warren's **Dani Thul** narrowly missed the cut with a ninth place finish, missing Abderholden's spot by two pins with a score of 954. Warren's **Connie Humann** got the top game in JV competition, bowling a 233 in her second game.

Varsity B Pool Scores

1. Zion-Benton, 4,376
2. Leyden, 4,083
3. Buffalo Grove, 4,070
4. Loyola, 3,936
5. Antioch, 3,908
6. New Trier, 3,763
7. Neuqua Valley, 3,707
8. Jacobs, 3,431

SPORTS

GIRLS BASKETBALL:

WAUCONDA 60, GRAYSLAKE NORTH 41

Bulldogs right ship following slow start

By STEVE PETERSON

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Kyle Vogel also was a factor, with nine points, and Eric Grozvescue added 12 points.

By halftime, the game firmly was in Wauconda's hands, and the Bulldogs opened up a 14-point lead by the end of the third quarter.

Wauconda coach Rich Wolf said he was happy with the way his team played, but would have preferred a better start to the game.

"We're off to a good start this year," Wolf said. "We had a little bit of a slow start at first, and gave up too many first-quarter points – 19. We like to hold teams to seven or eight a quarter."

North featured a balanced attack as junior Clay Henricksen led the Knights with six points.

"We're learning on the fly; we show times when we play pretty well," Knights coach Todd Grunloh said. "This was our best game of the year for intensity."

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Pro Football WEEKLY

One Man's Opinion

NFL Network shows promise, and concern

I am curious to see what kind of reaction I am going to get from all our readers on this one. I am not really sure what I did to be so fortunate – other than growing my cable bill from a minor luxury to a galactic expense as the kids each passed through adolescence, their teenage years and into young adults and out of the house, leaving the wife and I with every bell, whistle, premium channel and extra cable charge known to man – but my first perk after all those years of throwing good money down a hole was the day the NFL Network launched, showing up on my TV on channel 168.

What I fear will upset some is that while my understanding of the details behind the launch of the network are sketchy at best, I believe the reason that slightly less than one in four cable TV homes in America currently are receiving the NFL Network is that it's being offered on a special pay tier, as opposed to your basic cable package, which shows up on

your TV screen at a fairly reasonable rate. Until Thanksgiving night, NFL Network had been an interesting curiosity. The condensed replays of the special games it started showing each week this season have been a real treat, and I'm an NFL Films junkie from way back. But other than that, much of its original content has been somewhat lacking. And that's been OK until now because, at least for me, it's all been exhibition games waiting for the real regular-season kickoff once the league started broadcasting its own games.

I'm sure that most of you as fans understand the birth of the NFL Network signaled more than just one more pay channel for those of us in the media. With its own network, the NFL may be attempting to do something that actually is quite un-American, delivering news and information on itself.

It's quite clear to me this is about money and absolutely nothing else. Still, if I am trying to compete with the NFL

Network for stories and information, who do you think is more likely to get what they need to do the best job? From the day this whole idea was hatched, there's been a tremendous concern among many of us in the media as to what it will do to journalistic integrity and a free press.

While I am truly grateful for the tremendous cooperation and access we continue to get from the league office and most of the 32 teams, there is no denying that the arrival of the NFL Network has started to crimp our style in terms of covering big games and Super Bowls, that the NFL Network folks are granted certain privileges and access the rest of us aren't. And that it is a somewhat scary trend that bears watching. But

for now, let me say again the powers-that-be in the NFL seem to continue to understand and appreciate the tremendous benefit and service the working press supplies.

Let's see if it stays that way after I pan their first broadcast. Getting the Chiefs-Broncos game was, in fact, a treat, and perhaps comparing it to the networks that have been doing it for years is unfair. But what else can we compare it to? The production values were fine, a few graphics were even unique and I had no problem with the camera shots and switches. All in all, it was quite major league.

The talking heads, with the exception of Marshall Faulk and Steve Mariucci, were decidedly minor league. Faulk was flat-out good, and Mariucci was pleasantly animated and seemed to really be enjoying himself.

On the other hand, Rich Eisen always makes me feel like he's more focused on finding his next one-liner, and there are probably half a dozen good reasons that Deion Sanders has

been fired by almost every other network that broadcasts football. Cris Collinsworth, whom I usually like, missed far too many calls. And Bryant Gumbel was just awful.

While I hate penalizing broadcasters for their voices, the only thing more annoying than 3 hours of Gumbel's falsetto was his unwillingness to actually say how long a play was or how much distance was left to reach a first down. Hopefully it won't take the league too long to realize there is no upside to having Gumbel in the booth, and that a real play-by-play guy would pay huge dividends.

All of that said, given a chance, I'm sure most of the commentators will attempt to learn from their first trip to the plate, and more NFL games always will be a good thing. I just hope it won't be too much longer until most of you can see them, at a price we can all afford.

• Hub Arkush is the publisher of Pro Football Weekly.



Hub Arkush

Views

Tom Brady biography hardly a run-of-the-mill icon piece

By ERIC EDHOLM
Pro Football Weekly

There it is. You get, perhaps, 200 or 250 words into Charles Pierce's new biography about Patriots quarterback Tom Brady before the first highbrow is shot, well, across your brow. Pierce takes the liberal – and perhaps ironic – measure of splitting up a very bookish lit crit term, roman à clef, which translates to "novel with a key" or more straightforwardly, via Merriam-Webster, "a novel in which real persons or actual events figure under disguise."

That's not to suggest that Pierce's book, "Moving the Chains: Tom Brady and the Pursuit of Everything," is a work of fiction, but it is clear pretty quickly this is not your run-of-the-mill sports biography.

It also serves as a forum in which Pierce opines on religion, Massachusetts politics, drug abuse in sports, the duality of man and an obscure – at least among footballers, I assume – work, "The Philosophy of Loyalty," by Josiah Royce. Some of these things even pertain to Brady himself.

The central thrust of the book surrounds Brady's rise from relative nobody to super robo-quarterback, all while managing not to rise much above his teammates. Mainly, Brady wants to be one of the guys. And yet, there is the paradox, as Pierce writes:

"By resisting easy summation, Tom Brady commits himself to that journey on his own terms. He declines to be defined by the limits of his profession. He declines to be the vessel for anyone else's virtue. ... He will live life – and be

successful – on his own terms and, at the same time, he will not be culled from the herd. He will be a star and he will be a teammate. He will be smart and handsome and rich and popular and he will be one of the guys, too. He will move the chains in his life, constantly, so that he will determine its ultimate definition."

In this, he sets himself up for a journey through public life that's fueled by formidable contradiction. He will live a normal life, albeit one that includes a movie-star girlfriend and a condominium that priced out last year at \$4 million. In this, he is the perfectly consummate face of the mythology that his performance has helped the New England Patriots create and market about themselves – that, in a day of stylized individualism, the Patriots and their quarterback are a team with red-state family values playing

in the bluest state of all.

Can anyone be a teammate when the team's success works at the same time to exalt him individually?

How can any football team be a family when a great deal of the family's success depends on grinding up some of the children and tossing them away?

The book largely is a success and a good look inside the world of one of sport's most visible and intriguing barons, though Pierce's transgressions through floes of academia, recondite distractions and his insistence on using phrases such as "trompe l'oeil" make it a hearty read for the guy who wants to know why Brady is so good at reading defenses. But for the one who is ready to lend his latitude in order to crack the surface of the estimable Brady, Pierce's book is worth a long look.

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Entries must be received by Thursday at Noon

NOON THURSDAY

Total points scored (both teams) in PACKERS game.

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WEEK'S GAMES

Pittsburgh	NY Giants at Carolina
Chicago	Oakland at Cincinnati
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Tennessee	Houston at Tennessee
Jacksonville	Green Bay at San Francisco
Seattle	Seattle at Arizona
Miami	Denver at San Diego
Dallas	

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Enter from each and every game listed to distinguish between the Jets and the other teams.

2. Games or in case any game is not played.

3. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older.

4. Entrants must be a resident of the state and their immediate families are not eligible.

5. Weekly results must be made by the 10th of each month.

6. Game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.

7. Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Thursdays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.

8. Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.

9. Limit one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of the entrant, group entries, systems or other attempt to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends and relatives names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.

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Recipes offer taste of Mediterranean

By TOM WITOM
thomaswitom@yahoo.com

Mediterranean food, Cypriot cuisine in particular, captures the best that Greek cookery has to offer, while subtly borrowing from its nearest neighbors: Turkey, Syria and Lebanon.

We discovered this creative and tasty fare at Venus Greek-Cypriot Cuisine, 840 W. Jackson St., Chicago, probably Chicago's best Greek-oriented restaurant this side of the Mediterranean.

Co-owner Gina Karatasios took little persuading to get 26-year-old executive chef Kostas Anyfantis, who came here directly from Athens, to share some favorite recipes.

Koupepia (stuffed grape leaves) and Avgolemono soup, among signature dishes on the menu, are keepers. Another classic, Tzatziki (cold cucumber salad), also is a popular side dish at the restaurant.

Koupepia

Ingredients:
1 pound ground pork
1/2 cup (uncooked) white rice
1 small white onion - finely chopped
1/2 cup tomato sauce
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
Small jar grape leaves - boiled

1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

Directions:

Place meat in bowl and mix in onion, salt, pepper, parsley, rice and tomato sauce. Mix well by hand, until uniform mixture is reached.

In a pot, place 3 or 4 vine leaves on the bottom of the pot. This will keep the filled grape leaves from sticking to the bottom of the pot during boiling.

Put a tablespoon of the meat filling into the center of each vine leaf. Fold the base of the leaf over the filling, then fold in the sides. Now, roll up just like a cigar and place in pot.

Continue rolling the grape leaves and placing them in tight layers in your pot (do not leave room for them to shift while boiling).

Once you have no more meat to roll, place a plate on top of the filled grape leaves to keep the grape leaves from moving while boiling.

Add enough water to cover the grape leaves 1 to 2 inches from top layer. Bring to a boil, and lower heat to low or medium boil for about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Carefully remove grape leaves from pot. Top with extra virgin oil and lemon mixture.

Can be served hot or cold.

Avgolemono Soup (Egg Lemon Chicken Soup) (Traditional Version)

Ingredients:
1 whole chicken
1 cup white rice
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
4 eggs (not cold)
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper

Directions:

Cut chicken into four parts and place in pot. Add enough water to cover chicken. Boil chicken on low for about 2 hours, or until meat is falling from the bone. (Note: one or two celery sticks may be added for additional flavor.)

Remove chicken from pot. Strain the remaining juice from the pot into a bowl.

While measuring in cups, add the juice from the boiled chicken. You need 4 cups of liquid. Add more water to substitute if the juice from the chicken is not enough.

Bring juice/water to a boil. While waiting for water to come to a boil, debone the chicken while cutting the chicken into small pieces.

When juice/water reaches boiling, lower heat to low (or medium) and add the rice, chicken, salt and pepper. Boil until desired rice tender-

ness is reached. Turn off stove and let soup stand for 20 minutes to cool.

In a clean bowl, place and whip the eggs for a few minutes. While whipping slowly, add the lemon juice (small teaspoons at a time) while continuing to whip until you get a uniform/foamy mixture.

Carefully, pour a cup of the warm broth from the pot into the egg mixture, while beating continuously.

Pour the contents back into the pot and stir until you get a uniform mixture.

Tzatziki

Ingredients:
1 pound plain Greek yogurt
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 large cucumber, peeled
2 tablespoons minced garlic
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon white pepper

Directions:

Dice the cucumber in small pieces. Strain all liquids. Add cucumber to the yogurt, and mix well with spoon. Add remaining ingredients, and stir to combine.

Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Served well with bread or pita bread, or it can be used as topping to pork, chicken, or beef.

To Do

Performers wanted

The Illinois State Fair is searching for talented performers to entertain at next summer's fair. Daytime and evening bookings are available.

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide program.

Meetings will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10 (at Catholic Charities Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, in Des Plaines), 20 (at Holy Family Church Counseling Center, 2515 Palatine Road, in Inverness) and 28 (at Carmel High School, 1 Carmel Parkway, in Mundelein).

For more information, call (847) 376-2118.

Quilt contest

"Summer Days" is the theme of the third annual A Walk in the Garden Quilt Show, which will take place on July 14 in Antigo, Wis.

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Slow Roasted Pork Shoulder With Dried Strawberry Chipotle Chutney

Ingredients:
4 to 6 pounds pork shoulder or Boston butt roast
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Seasoned pepper blend
Dried Strawberry Chipotle Chutney
1/2 yellow onion, small diced
1/2 cup port wine
1 cup water
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

1 chipotle pepper, chopped fine
1 6-ounce bag dried strawberries

Directions:
Heavily season roast with salt and pepper blend, rubbing the seasoning into meat. Place in baking pan, put into preheated 350 degrees Fahrenheit oven 2 hours and 30 minutes, or until roast reaches an internal temperature of 150 de-

grees F.

Remove from oven and allow to rest about 15 minutes before carving. For chutney, combine yellow onion and port in sauté pan, reduce wine until almost dry over medium heat. Add remaining ingredients and cook over medium low heat 20 minutes.

Top warm pork roast slices with chutney and serve.

Tip: Chutney can also be served over turkey.

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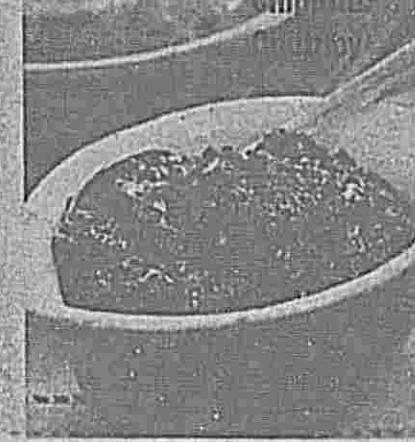
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Bryan
5 years old

Dear Santa:

I'm going to make you muffins. You can go to the mall so I can see you. Please bring me a lightning McQueen toy.

Mariah
6 years old

Dear Santa:

Can I please have a Game Boy and another snowboard because mine broke? Can I please have a skateboard and a little toy truck? Can my mom please have another radio and my Dad a 4-wheeler? Can my brother have lots of trucks?

Peter
6 years old

Dear Santa:

I've been good a little bit. I like you. I will leave you cookies. I want a blue car that costs \$20.00 in Lake Geneva.

My brother is bad. Bring my daddy a lions shirt and my mom a fire chief shirt.

Steven
6 years old

Dear Santa:

Please can I have a remote control car. Thank you. For my sister can she have a Bratz doll please. Bring mom a gift for her and John.

Clayton

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a baby Strawberry Shortcake and a Disney car. I want paper with markers, and I want a camera.

Victoria Combs
5 years old

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a lot of food for my grocery cart and a new game called Dora the Explorer Candyland, and a new popcorn maker that makes pretend popcorn. I need bags for the popcorn, too. I've been a good girl. Bring my brother Dylan a moving T-Rex and maybe a Batman toy.

Kately N. McNally
5 years old

Dear Santa:

I want a big stuffed animal dog, a big horse that I can ride, and a Panda bear that is big.

Samantha R.
5 years old

Dear Santa:

I want cars and action figures. I want a big monster truck, too.

Bring my Dad real tools.
Bring my mom a ring.

Tyler

Dear Santa:

I want a remote control truck and a dirt bike with a skeleton on it. I've been a good boy. I want a remote control go cart.

Tommy
5 years old

Dear Santa:

Please bring me the pink dancing princess, Polly Pockets and a Barbie doll. I will leave you milk and cookies. How are your reindeer?

Kaysee

Dear Santa:

I want a camera for Christmas and a Robot dog. I think I want an accordian, too.

I will leave you some cookies.

Christi
5 years old

Festive Decor 101

Whether you're a gifted holiday decorator or prefer to let others deck your halls, following are a few tips that can help you add a festive feel to your home this holiday season.

Something in the air

Fill your home with the smells of the season by burning gingerbread-scented candles or even apple-spice incense. You can also boil cinnamon sticks on the stove or keep a few fresh pine branches in a room to fill the air with cheer.

Break out the bows

Holiday bows are a quick and inexpensive way to decorate your home. Try tying the bows around candlesticks, wreaths and basket handles. You can also use bows to tie back drapery and window dressings. You can even place them on door handles, railings and just about anywhere else.

A family affair

Swap out the pictures you have on display with family holiday photographs taken in years past. Kids will love to see pictures of their parents opening presents back when they were children and the photos make great conversation pieces for any guests that may arrive.

Safe for the holidays

Be sure to take precautions when hanging holiday decorations. If you use a ladder, have someone hold the base when you climb it. Also be sure to watch out for exterior wires if you're using the ladder outside. And if you plan to hang lights, inspect them for damage before putting them up.

Home for the Holidays

Tips for stress-free entertaining

The pressures of the holidays can take a toll even on the most seasoned host or hostess. Most people look forward to reconnecting with friends and loved ones, but the stress of cooking, cleaning, and preparing the home can be, well — overwhelming. This year, ease the anxiety and truly enjoy the company of your guests and the joy of the season. Here are some easy expert tips on just how to do it.

It's never to early to start preparing

"Start preparations at least a month in advance and don't forget to create a check list," advises home organization expert and HSN personality Joy Mangano. "Go room by room and create a festive, cozy atmosphere throughout the entire house."

Start with your entry hall or foyer, often one of the most overlooked rooms in the house. This is where you first welcome guests ... and first impressions

matter! Make it inviting by removing clutter and filling the space with holiday cheer.

Plan room by room

In the living room, create an open environment that is conducive to conversation and interaction. The living room is where most guests gather, so create a space that encourages guests to mingle, chat, and entertain themselves.

Finally, focus on the dining room. An elegant, sophisticated dining room reminds guests that holidays are a special occasion. And after spending hours cooking in the kitchen, make sure the tabletop highlights your outstanding culinary efforts. "The dining room table should be the focal point and complete the look of elegance," says Mangano. "The table itself should be finely finished and timeless, and can also coordinate with changing décor trends. Classic dining tables and chairs are sophisticated and will be the envy of your guests."



An elegant dining room is often the focal point and gathering space of holiday events.

And an easy tip: always set the table a day or so in advance and enlist the help of your children. This ensures one less task to complete the day of your event.

Relax and enjoy!

Remember, an organized home prepared well in advance will help to reduce the anxiety of holiday entertaining. When the holidays arrive and the family starts rolling in, you can relax and enjoy memorable evenings with cherished friends and family.

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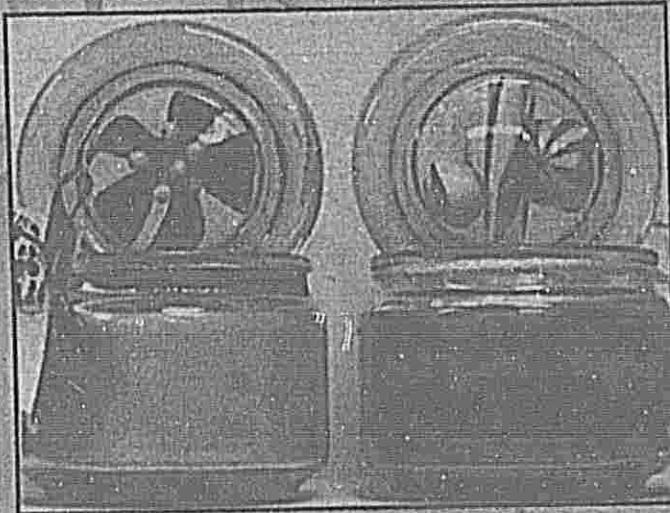
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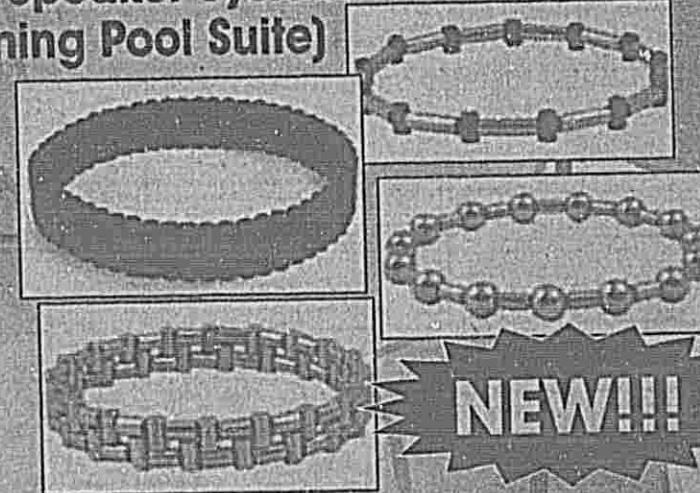


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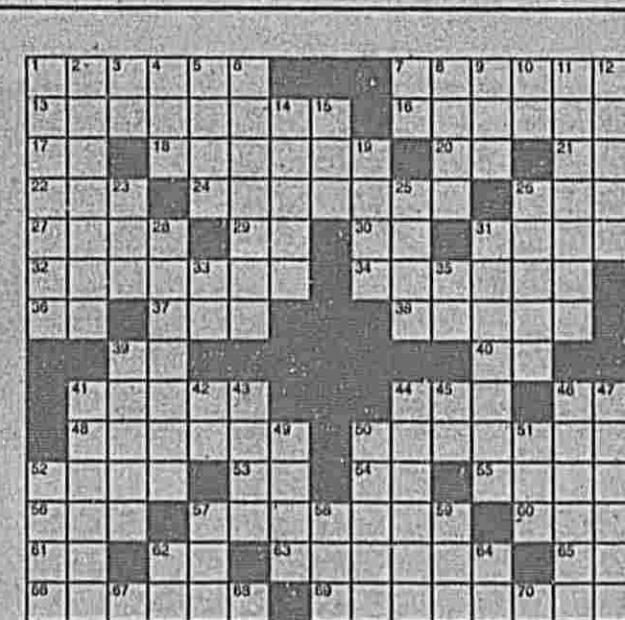
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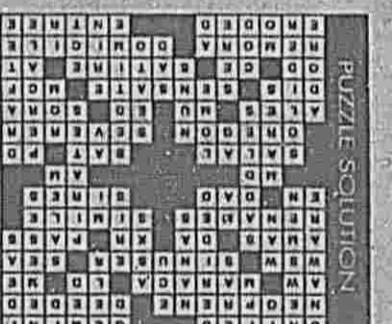
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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23/Dec 21

It's time to make moments count with a family member with whom you've had a recent falling out, Sagittarius. Accept responsibility for anything you've done.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

If you're looking for a ray of sunshine, you'll find it with family members who are close by, Capricorn. They're just looking to spread their good fortune and spirit.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Patience is a virtue not many people possess, Aquarius.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Do not take on any more work, Pisces, unless you want to get burnt out. You have enough on your plate.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 19

There's a bigger picture at play this

week, Aries.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You have a goal, Taurus, so what's the hold up in getting started on achieving it?

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

There's more to a relationship you have than meets the eye. Others don't know just how much you care for this person. It could be time to let them in on your secret.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

If you need help with something, Cancer, you just have to ask for it.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You might want to put the brakes on a financial venture you were considering, Leo.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

If you like roller coasters, Virgo, then you're going to love the week you're

about to have.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Give a lot of thought to your actions, Libra, because this week you cannot get along by winging it. Expect a reprimand at work.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22

Does the sound of a few days of rest and relaxation sound good to you, Scorpio?



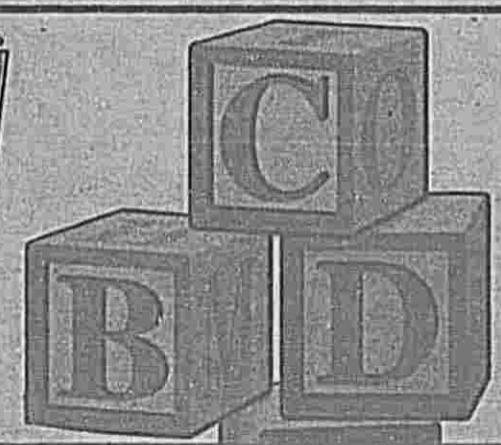
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Furniture 4240

BED- Twin Bed Frame, Mattress & Box Spring, good cond, \$50. Plese Call, 815-338-6670

CABINET for bread, vegetable or fruit, green color, stands - 3' with 2 drawers, \$35. 815-715-4832

CHAIR- Wing Back Chair with Cherry Wood Legs, rose colored, good cond., \$50 or best. 815-338-6670

Cherry desk, credenza, chair. Great condition. \$99.00 set 847-254-5039

CHILD'S DRESSER Light oak, good condition \$75. 815-344-6147

COMPUTER ARMOIRE It. blue-wood, good cond. \$50. 847-458-6292

COMPUTER DESK, 48" desk, hutch & print cabinet. Sauder. Brown. \$50.00 847-658-6058 can deliver

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Dresser, white with 4 drawers. Exc. cond. 38"x30"x15" \$25. 847-462-8437

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DREXEL pedestal table, 6 chairs, rounded front china cabinet, w/glass doors. \$99. Call 630-365-0681.

Entertainment Center with plenty of storage. Glass door, on wheels by Sauder \$50. 847-548-9884

Futon w/ matching pillows Very Good Cond. \$50/ 815-356-9844

IKEA Table & 4 Chairs Like New! \$99.00 815-344-2470

MATTRESS & BOX Spring twin size, good condition, Total is \$30. 815-334-1938

MINI-BAR w/ flip open serving center & locked storage. \$99.00 815-363-9730

OAK PEDESTAL TABLE 48" round w/12" leaf. \$99. 815-444-1936

PEDESTAL TABLE Oak, excellent condition, move to new home. \$75. 815-703-5121

Refrigerator - White Frigidaire side/side, Ice / water \$500 847-473-3378

SOFA & LOVESEAT. Good condition. Multi-color green/tan. \$99. Call 630-291-9003.

SOFA - VERY GOOD CONDITION. \$95.00 815-459-4675

SOFA- 90" Lazy Boy, 3yrs old, tan/navy tweed, new \$700, Selling \$99 or best. 847-913-6226

Walnut Dresser w/ mirror & 2 night stands. Good condition \$50.00 815-344-2470

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Collectibles 4250

18 Miniature misc. items from 1930's Riverview. \$25.00 815-653-9303

BARBIE DOLL NEW JEWEL PRINCESS \$99.00 FIRM 815-356-3948

CHRISTMAS PLATE Royal Copenhagen 1960's Era, \$35. 815-459-9555

Gun Powder Tin Dupont superfine FF Gunpowder. Wilmington, DE. 1924. Red can/white label. \$75.00 815-477-0701

Horse Doorstop - Cast iron about 10" tall. Some worn paint. \$69.00 815-338-2579

LIFE-SIZE Michael Jordan cardboard, stand-up, cut-out, \$25. 815-788-5128

LONGABERGER WROUGHT IRON Convertible Caddy \$50.00 815-363-9730

SHIRLEY TEMPLE PORCELAIN DOLL \$65.00 847-587-5017

Holiday 4270

6 Ft. Mountain King Tree. Easy assembling. \$10.00 815-648-2506

ARTIFICIAL, 6-ft Christmas tree, no lights. \$25. Call 630-879-3192.

CHRISTMAS Country Classics. 2 cassette tape. New, in box. Paid \$65, sell \$50/best. Batavia. Call 630-879-6957.

Christmas Poinsettia Fabric tablecloth, New. 60x104 retail \$50.00/sell \$20.00 815-943-7150

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CHRISTMAS TREE Artificial Fir, 7.5', 2035 lps. assembly needed. \$30. Please Call. 815-338-6562

CHRISTMAS TREE Mountain King, large inc. lights & ornaments, orig \$175, Now \$50! 847-247-1123

Dickens Village Hemelton Pewter Building, in original box \$40. 847-516-9830

HORSE & SLEIGH 4x8", white light wire sculptured. \$30 or best. Please Call. 815-653-4556

SNOWMAN Lightd Motion Outdoor 53" Tall snowman Tips His Hat! \$35. Plese Call. 847-639-8572

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Hitachi 53" Widescreen Projection TV. Picture has convergence problem that'll cost \$320 to fix, but all else is fine. Take it away and it's yours! Call 815-455-7034

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Black & Decker Arctic Twister Ice Cream Mixer. \$25.00 New in box. 815-477-9370

BRASS FLOOR LAMP 3 light, with off white shade. Classic style \$15.00 815-385-4400

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Gold Star Microwave with manual. Hardly used. Great for Dorm! \$15.00 847-669-3396

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Lawn & Garden 4310

FALL CLEANUP AVAIL. FIREWOOD CALL FOR QUALITY WOOD & QUICK DELIVERY!! PRE-SEASON PRICES!

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Home

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Cell

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DRIVEN - Derek Jeter. \$25. Please call: 630-679-2024

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Miscellaneous 4340

50's era porch swing with hanging chains. \$35. Call 630-466-9901.

ANTIQUE 72-pc. White dishes with gold border. \$99. Call 630-232-2935.

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COCKATIEL for Sale \$20.00 847-219-8597

CORN SNAKE- 3.5ft with Cage, Heat Lamp & Temp Gauge \$99. 815-444-0930

DOG Black Pointe Maltese 7yr. Lap Dog needs TLC, Nice dog for adults, \$99. 815-444-0651

Kitties. 11 months. Spayed, shots, wormed. Calico or Orange & white. Sweet! fee. 847-395-0567

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Looking for a Breeder of Bull Mastiff/Boxer Mix Puppies. Please call Bill at 847-949-0909

LOVEBIRDS Pair of 4 mos old lovebirds w/ cage, \$50. To good home only. Call 847-848-0857

MALTESE - FREE Older person or couple wanted to take sweet adorable dog, that only wants love & attention that we can't give w/3 kids & 2 dogs. Housebroken. Scared of his own shadow, will lay on your lap all day. 630 204-0277

SIAMESE CATS - 2 sweet purebred 1 yr old cats seek Good home. Both neutered, all shots up to date. \$25.00 each. Serious inquiries only 847-354-9686

Horses & Tack 4470

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'55-'57 CHEVY 4 Door Sedan Rear doors. \$90.00 for the pair. 815-648-2049

BF GOODRICH Rugged Trail T/A truck tires. LT265-70 R17 Like new. \$99.00 Firm. 847-254-4018 after 6:30pm

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WHEELS - 4,15x8 Chevy. Aluminum wheels. Like New. \$99.00 815-675-9401

Sport Utility Vehicles 5275

1994 CHEVY S10 Blazer 4 door 4x4 Ltd Edition, V6, Vortec engine, runs great! \$1000 815-568-3333

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Snowmobile Trailer tires & wheels. 2 brand new, 8.5x18.5x8" \$99.00 815-338-3065 after 4:00 pm

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6000 Real Estate for Sale**Houses for Sale** 6250

ANTIOCH- Tiffany Farms, immed occupancy, 706 Needleglass Pkwy, 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, eat-in kitch, FR, formal LR & DR, mstr suite, 4 yrs young. Must See for the \$275,000. Open House 12/3, 1pm-4pm, or Call 847-395-2280 for appt

Darien, WI: 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, separate 2 car gar, In town, 1mi from freeway, \$155,000 262-728-9898

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Houses for Sale 6250**EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE**

FOX LAKE * Woodhills Bay Colony, priv lake prop. End unit TH. Updated 2BR, FP, multi-level, \$139,000 Jan McNulty, Remax Sub. 847-385-3311

1549 112th St, Pleasant Prairie, WI \$419,000 2800 sq ft living space, 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, kitchen w/ SS appl, 1st floor master bdm and laundry. Located minutes from IL. Call Gene Nicolazzi for your private showing. Toll Free 1-888-270-3006

View a virtual tour of this property online at W1549.gotogeno.com

**FOX LAKE** 583 Windsor Drive Unit C * Newer TH 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, full basement, 1 car attach garage, close to train. \$169,900 708-473-6045

GOVT REPO'S Rnd Lke 3 bd 136K, Waukegan, 3 bd \$115K, Zion 3 bd \$125K. Many more areas NCL Realty (847)401-3700

LAKE VILLA, Rent with option to buy, 6 bdrm, 3.5 baths, fp, jacuzzi, 3 car gar., fin'd bsmt. Avail March 1. \$320,000 847-330-7814 / 847-338-1486

North Chicago By Owner 5bdrm, 2bath, Beautiful all remodeled, bsmt, ceramic floor, new carpet, new kitn. \$171,000. 847-338-4145

Rockford Retired, 2 bdrm, brick Cape Cod on 3 beautiful acres, 4 out buildings, exc. cond. & loca. MOVE IN \$235,000

2 bdrm ranch 75' river frontage 3c, heated gar, fenced, trees \$179,000 815-964-2398 815-601-2695

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Linda Kampschroer \$185,000 847-909-2460

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ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS 2 story, 4 bdrm, 2 bath, bsmt, eat-in kit, big fam rm, fresh exterior paint. New driveway, fenced yard. \$153,000 or will consider land contract with \$4000 down. 847-612-6393

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Grayslake / Wildwood Royal Oak Condominiums 3 bed / 2 ba, 1190 sqft. \$159,900. New crpt, washer, dry, gar., on 17 ac. On Gages Lake Rd. bwn Rt. 45 & Hunt Club Rd. IGL R.E. 847-548-5100

Gurnee / Wildwood Large 1 Bedrm from \$99,900. - 2 Bedrms from \$109,900. Royal Oak, on Gages Lake Rd. bwn Rt. 45 & Hunt Club Rd. IGL R.E. 847-548-5100

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Farms/Farmland For Sale 6400

2 farms zoned "A-1" each with house barn & other structures. Acreage mostly tillable. 1-34 acr; Sharon, WI \$429,900. 2-36 acr; Walworth, WI \$560,000.

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Rockford 2 - 1 ACRE building lots adjacent exc. location, \$50,000ea

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Do you have a problem house?

Let us buy it and solve your problem.

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Real Estate Wanted To Buy 6800

Grayslake / Wildwood Royal Oaks Apts.

1 & 2 Bedrms from \$825.

One Month Free Rent!

Garage parking, near Gurnee Mills shopping.

On Gages Lake Rd. between Rt. 45 & Hunt Club Rd. IGL R.E.

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Shop, storage or
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1,000-6,000sq.ft.
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FRONT FCR RENT
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includes OH door, 18 calling, office with AC, dock, 3
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1999 Chevy C15 Pickup
VIN #: 1GCEC14W2XE245994
Owner: Timothy Johnson
Leinholder: First Midwest
Bank
Amt. Owed: \$7,979.28
Auction:
Dec. 18, 2006 @ 9:00 a.m.
Dave's Transmission
1316 N. Fairfield Rd.
Round Lake Beach, IL
60073

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, LAKE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF
THE AVON-FREMONT
DRAINAGE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

Gen. No. 70 MR 127

Notice is hereby given
that the Commissioners
of the Avon-Fremont
Drainage District have
filed their annual financial
report with the clerk

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of the Circuit Court of
Lake County, Illinois.
Any objections to said
report must be filed with
the Clerk of the Court on
or before December 12,
2006, in the Lake County
Courthouse, 18 North
Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
A copy of the objections
must be sent to the attorney
for the District at the
address indicated below.
There will be a hearing
on the Report on December
20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in
courtroom C-304, Lake
County Courthouse.

Dated: December 1,
2006

Sally D. Coffelt
Circuit Clerk

John P. Richtman
Churchill, Quinn, Richt-
man & Hamilton, Ltd.
Attorneys for the Avon-
Fremont Drainage

District
P. O. Box 284
Grayslake, IL 60030
Phone: (847) 223-1500

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SAFEWAY SELF
STORAGE INC.
1100 W. ROLLINS RD.
ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS,
IL 60073
847-546-9300

LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given
that SAFEWAY SELF
STORAGE, INC., 1100 W.
Rollins Road, Round Lake
Heights, Illinois 60073, will
sell the personal goods
from the following units to
satisfy the lien of SAFE-
WAY SELF STORAGE
(Seller) for rental and other
charges due.

Unit #1250510
Occupant: McKee
Contents: Razor scooter,
wood, furniture.

Unit # R1490505
Occupant: Kuhl
Contents: Schwinn ex-
ercise equipment

Unit # R2121010
Occupant: Karstens
Contents: Boxes, furniture,
baby items

Unit # R4230510
Occupant: Keefe
Contents: Boxes, furniture

Unit # RE061010
Occupant: Ruvira
Contents: Furniture, Totes,
Tools

Unit # RE101010
Occupant: Cepero
Contents: Furniture, boxes

Unit # R4171010
Occupant: Vaughan
Contents: Boxes, personal
belongings

Unit # R5041030
Occupant: Lindsey
Contents: Models, games,
boxes

Unit # R5031030

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Occupant Emmerich
Contents: Boxes, furniture,
Personal belongings

Unit # R5141030
Occupant: Woods
Contents: Furniture, boxes,
personal belongings

Unit # R2431010
Occupant: Kaminski
Contents: Antiques, boxes,
Christmas d閝or

Unit # R2600510
Occupant: Sanders
Contents: Furniture

Unit # R3090510
Occupant: Florisi-Elis
Contents: Personal be-
longings, boxes, totes

Unit # R3271015
Occupant: Coulman
Contents: Go cart, scooter
tools

Unit # R3511015
Occupant: Keeler
Contents: Totes, children's
toys

Unit # R3611020
Occupant: Visoknic
Contents: Computer racks,
tools

These items and all
items stored in the above
units will be sold to the
highest bidder for cash.
Removal of all items from
the premises must be within
in three days from date of
sale and a security bond
posted to cover same.
Sale will be held on August
19, 2006 on the premises
of SAFEWAY SELF
STORAGE, 1100 W.
Rollins Road, Round Lake
Heights, Illinois 60073.
(Fairfield and Rollins
Road) at approximately
9:00 a.m. To 12:00 noon.
SAFEWAY SELF STOR-
AGE reserves the right to
withdraw any or all of the
above mentioned items
prior to sale.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS.

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days after it is filed. Steven
Golan please contact Inde-
pendent Executor.

/s/ Bernard M. Kirsner
Attorney
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Gen. No. 73 MR 114

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cember 1, 2006.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF:
ELAINE GOLAN,
Deceased.

No. 06 P 498
CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given on the
death of ELAINE GOLAN
of Highland Park, Illinois.
Letters of office were is-
sued on July 7, 2005 to
Bernard M. Kirsner as In-
dependent Executor, whose
attorney is Bernard
M. Kirsner, 400 E. Ran-
dolph St. #202, Chicago,
IL 60601.

Claims against the es-
tate may be filed in the of-
fice of the Clerk of the Cir-
cuit Court at 18 N. County
Street, Waukegan, Illinois
60085 or with representa-
tive, or both, on or before
May 11, 2007, which date
is not less than 6 months
from the date of the first
publication of this notice
and any claim not filed
within that period is barred.
Copies of any claim filed
with the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered to the
executor/attorney within 10

Disposal of the items will
take place at Affordable
Self Storage 133 S. Rt. 12
Fox Lake, IL on Saturday
December 16, 2006 at
10:00 am.

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County Journals, De-
cember 1 & 8, 2006.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gurnee Park District
is soliciting proposals from
qualified firms of certified
public accountants to audit
the Park District's financial
statements for fiscal years
ending April 30, 2007,
2008, and 2009. A propos-
al conference will be held
for all interested firms on
December 13, 2006 at 10:00 AM.
Official board action approv-
ing the se-

lected audit firm will be on
January 16, 2007. The
Gurnee Park District re-
serves the right to reject
any and all proposals and
waive all technicalities.

/s/ Bernard M. Kirsner
Attorney
(Published in the Lake
County Journals, November
17, 24 & December 1,
2006.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, LAKE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF
THE GRUBB SCHOOL
DRAINAGE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

Gen. No. 73 MR 114

Interested firms may pick
up a detailed proposal
packet at:

Gurnee Park District
3747 Old Grand Ave.
Gurnee, IL 60031
847-599-3747
tim@gurneeparkdistrict.com

Gurnee Park District
Victoria Paddock,
Board President

(Published in the Gurnee
Journal/December 1, 2006.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, LAKE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF:
THE SQUAW CREEK
DRAINAGE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

Gen. No. 70 MR 125

Notice is hereby given
that the Commissioners
of the Squaw Creek
Drainage District have
filed their annual financial
report with the clerk
of the Circuit Court of
Lake County, Illinois.
Any objections to said
report must be filed with
the Clerk of the Court on
or before December 12,
2006, in the Lake County
Courthouse, 18 North
Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
A copy of the objections
must be sent to the attorney
for the District at the
address indicated below.
There will be a hearing
on the Report on December
20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in
courtroom C-304, Lake
County Courthouse.

Dated: December 1,
2006

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Assumed Name 8200

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business:
Custom Installation and
Repair

Nature/Purpose:
Installation of public
safety and communica-
tion equipment

Address(es) where busi-
ness is to be conducted or
transacted in this county:
2259 Masters Lane,
Round Lake Beach, IL
60073, 847-231-4175

Name(s) and post office
or residence address(es)
of the person(s) owning,
conducting or transacting
business:

Brian Grant, 2259 Mas-
ters Lane, Round Lake
Beach, IL 60073, 847-
231-4175

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the
undersigned Intend(s) to
conduct the above named
business from the location
(s) indicated and that the
true and legal full name(s)
of the person(s) owning,
conducting or transacting
the business is/are correct
as shown.

/s/ Brian Grant
November 17, 2006

The foregoing instru-
ment was acknowledged
before me by the person(s)
intending to conduct the
business this 17th day of
November, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Barbara J. Doder
Notary Public

Received: Nov. 17, 2006
Willard R. Hellander
Lake County Clerk

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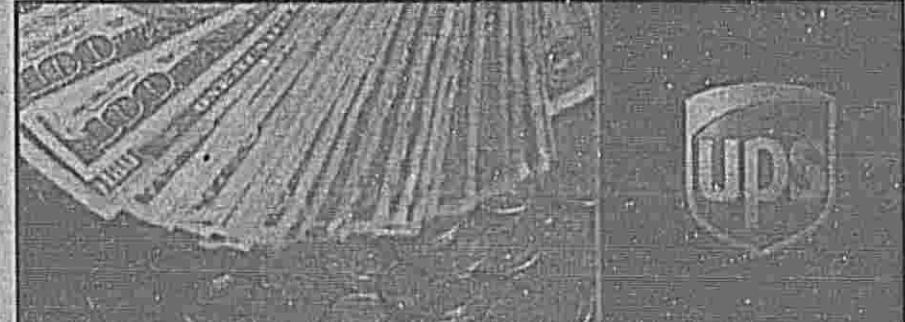
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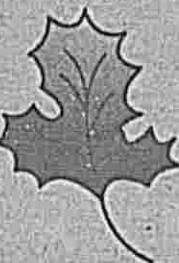
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